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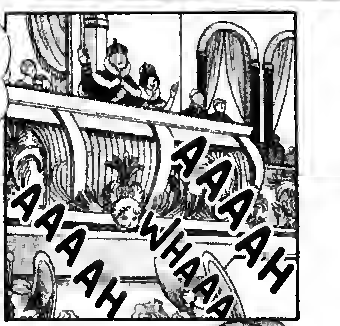
BELIEVE IN THE DOOR THAT OTHERS OPEN FOR YOU.
AND BELIEVE IN OTHER'S LOVE, ALEXANDRA... BELIEVE IN LOVE...

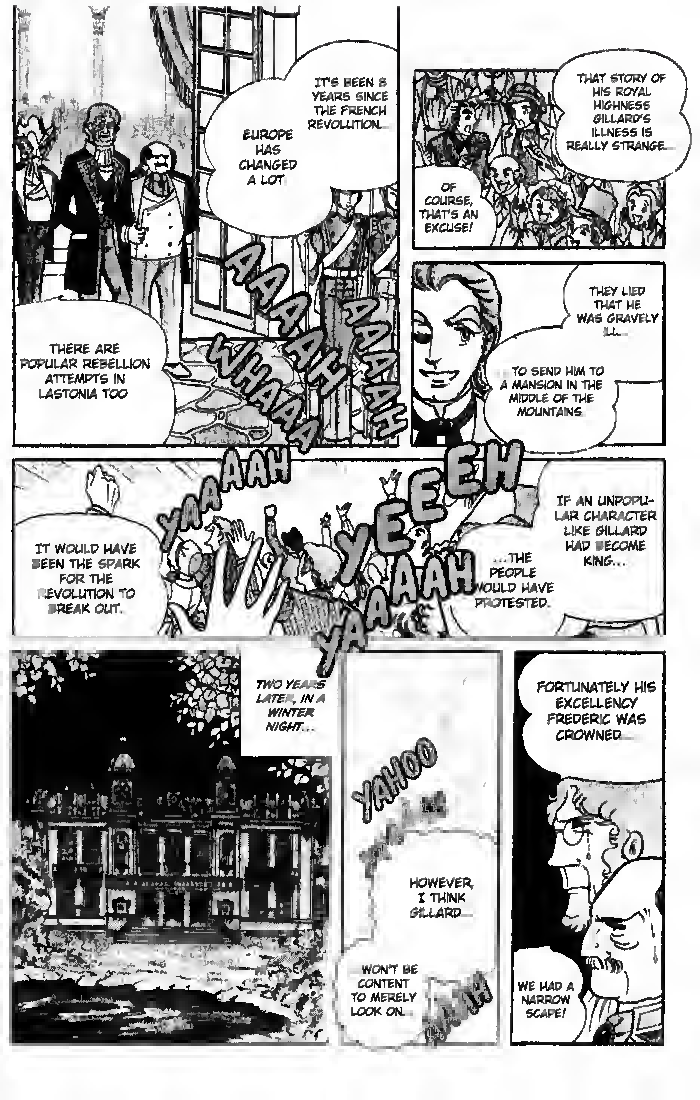
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, FREDERIC THE FIRST...
BY THE POWER GOD HAS BESTOWED ON ME I CROWN YOU KING OF THIS COUNTRY.

LOOK IT OUR NEW KING! HE LOOKS SPLENDID, DOESN'T HE?
YOU'RE RIGHT!


AAAAH
AAAAH
WHAAA

TAP
TAP

LONG LIVE THE KING!
HI
HI
HI
TODAY ALEXANDRA BECOMES A PRINCESS...
...AT THE EARLY AGE OF SEVEN YEARS.
I CAN'T HELP WORRYING...
THE NEW KING IS NO FOOL...
...BUT JULIANA, THE PREVIOUS KING'S DAUGHTER, HAD MARRIED THE KING OF PREUSEN FIVE YEARS BEFORE.
THE NEW KING FREDERIC, WAS THE PREVIOUS KING'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
PRINCE GILLARD HAD A TERRIBLE REPUTATION, HE WAS SELFISH AND CONCEITED.
A YEAR BEFORE THE DEATH OF THE PREVIOUS KING, HIS DIRECT HEIR, PRINCE GILLARD, SHOULD HAVE ASCENDED THE THRONE. BUT THE NOBILITY AND CLERGY OPPOSED HIM SEVERLY
AS A RESULT HE WAS RELIEVED FROM THE POSITION OF KING WITH THE ARGUMENT THAT HE WAS ILL.
BESIDES GILLARD, ALEXANDRA'S COUSIN, THE KING HAD ONLY ONE DAUGHTER.

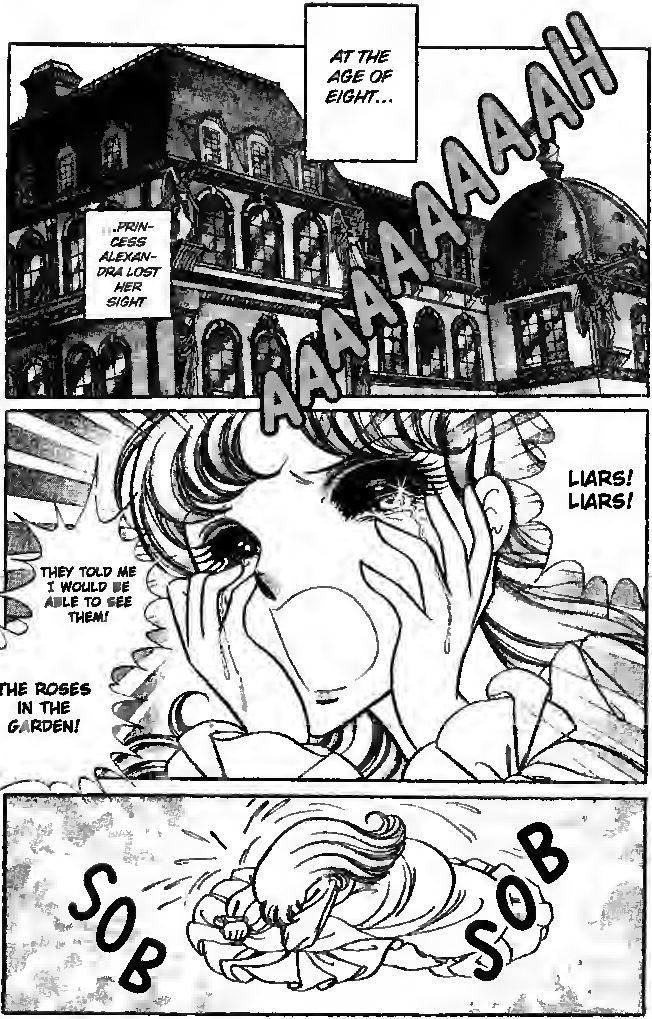

IT'S BEEN 8 YEARS SINCE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION...
EUROPE HAS CHANGED A LOT
THERE ARE POPULAR REBELLION ATTEMPTS IN LASTONIA TOO
AAAA

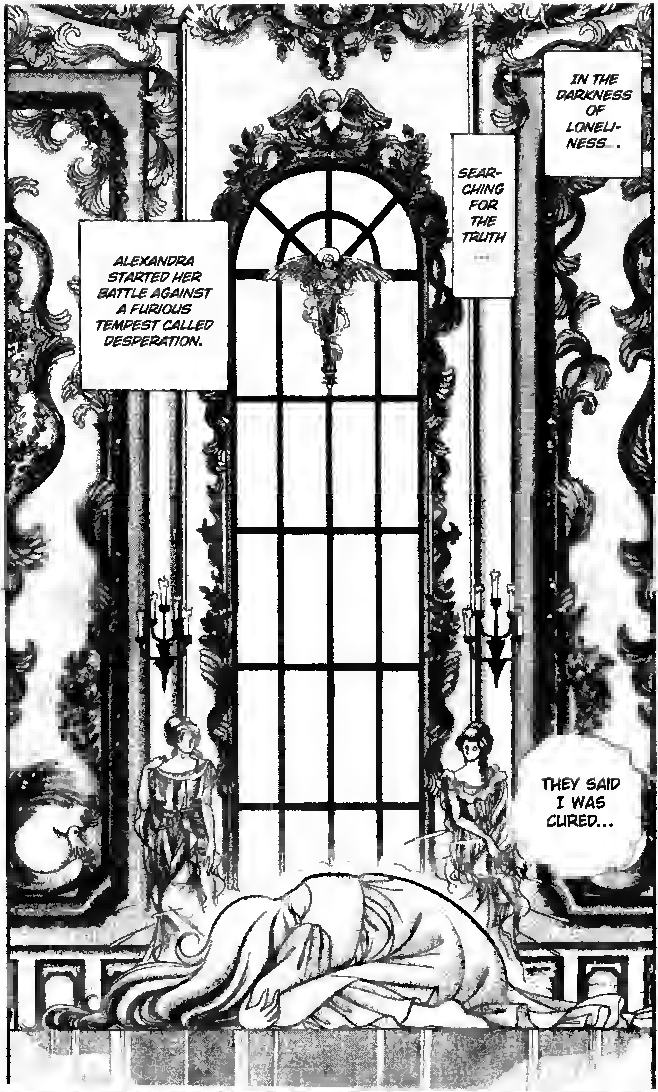
CRASH
AAAAAH
RUMBLE
FIRE!
SOMEONE SET FIRE TO THE PALACE!
ALEXAN-DRA!
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA! WHERE ARE YOU?
YOUR MAJESTY, THIS WAY!
RUMBLEEE
SBAM
MOM!
AAAH

DOCTOR, HOW IS ALEXANDRA?
IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL...
HER EXTERNAL WOUNDS AREN'T THAT GRAVE BUT...
IT SEEMS THE FIRE DAMAGED HER EYES.
HER EYES?!
SHE MIGHT HAVE LOST HER SIGHT.
OHH!
MUMMY... WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO REMOVE THESE BANDAGES?
WHEN YOU ARE BETTER, HONEY.
REGARDING THE CULPRIT...
WE SUSPECT OF...
ONE OF HIS EXCELLENCY GILLARD'S SERVANTS...
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY PROOF

SOON, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS
VERY SOON
DOCTOR, WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE THE ROSES IN THE GARDEN?
I'M SURE THE ROSES IN THE GARDEN HAVE BLOOMED ALREADY... LET ME GO TO SEE THEM!
LET ME GO OUT I WANT TO PLAY!
BUT I'M FINE! I'VE RECOVERED!
SLASH
BUT OF COURSE! I'LL TRY TO REMOVE THE BANDAGES BY MYSELF!
MOM AND THE DOCTOR KEEP SAYING I'LL BE ABLE TO REMOVE THE BANDAGES SOON BUT THEY DON'T LET ME...
THE WOUNDS ARE HEALED...

I can't see...
...anything!


AT THE AGE OF EIGHT...
...PRINCESS ALEXANDRA LOST HER SIGHT
AAAAAAAAAH
LIARS! LIARS!
THEY TOLD ME I WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THEM!
THE ROSES IN THE GARDEN!
SOB
SOB


IN THE DARKNESS OF LONELI-NESS...
SEAR-CHING FOR THE TRUTH ...
ALEXANDRA STARTED HER BATTLE AGAINST A FURIOUS TEMPEST CALLED DESPERATION.
THEY SAID I WAS CURED...

DR BERDANT
ASKS TO BE RECEIVED BY HER EXCELLENCY ALEXANDRA.
DR BERDANT?
AH! YOU'RE RIGHT, TODAY IS THE MEDICAL CHECK.
COME WITH ME, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS

SEVEN YEARS... YOU ARE RIGHT.
IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW FAST TIME WENT BY...
...EVEN FOR ME, LIVING IN THE DARKNESS.
SEVEN YEARS? TIME SURE FLIES!
YOU'RE 15 YEARS OLD ALREADY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS
I'VE BEEN TREATING HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA'S EYES FOR SEVEN YEARS.
I'M NOT COMPLAINING, NANNY.
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS...
I THOUGHT EVERYBODY PICKED ON ME BECAUSE I WAS BLIND.
IT WAS LIKE THAT UNTIL THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN MY DEAR MOTHER...
...WHO WAS ALWAYS BESIDE ME, PASSED AWAY.
I WAS VERY SAD AT FIRST...
I COULDN'T WALK AROUND THE CASTLE BY MYSELF AND THAT MADE ME SUFFER.
ALEXANDRA...
THE ONLY THING I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS YOUR FUTURE...
MOM!

IN THOSE MOMENTS, REMEMBER THIS...
YOU WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE MANY DIFFICULTIES, ALEXANDRA...
THIS IS THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO...
MAYBE IT ISN'T THAT DIFFICULT FOR AN ORDINARY GIRL...
BUT YOU ARE A PRINCESS...
HOW WILL YOU MANAGE TO LIVE WITHOUT YOUR SIGHT?
TRUST OTHERS.
YOU MUST BELIEVE IN THE LOVE AND SINCERITY OF OTHERS.
TRUST THEM, ALEXANDRA.
THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO.
BELIEVE IN THE LIGHT THAT OTHERS BRING YOU...
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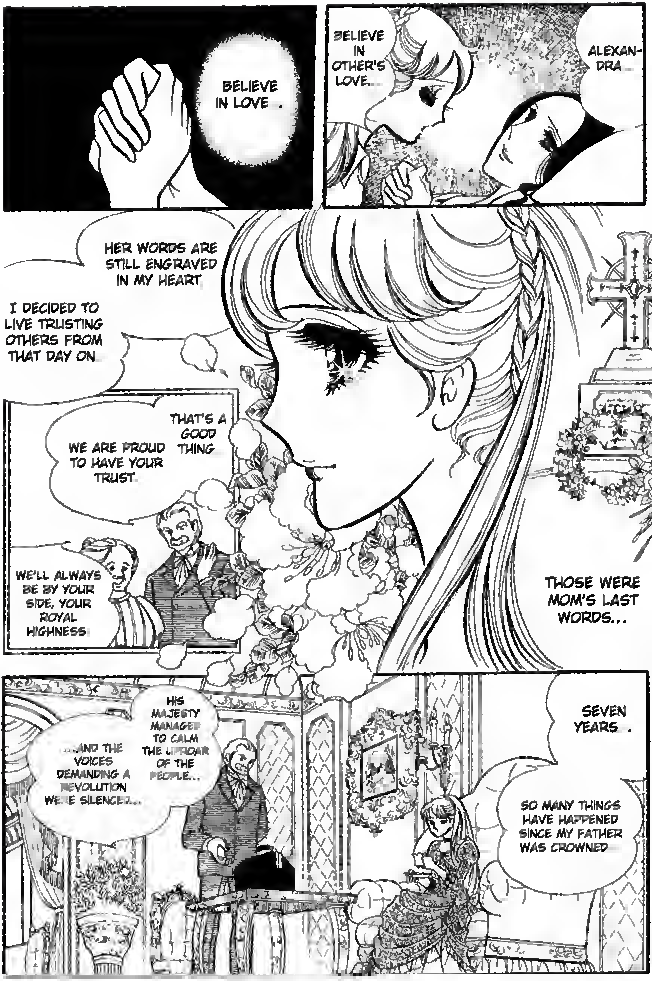
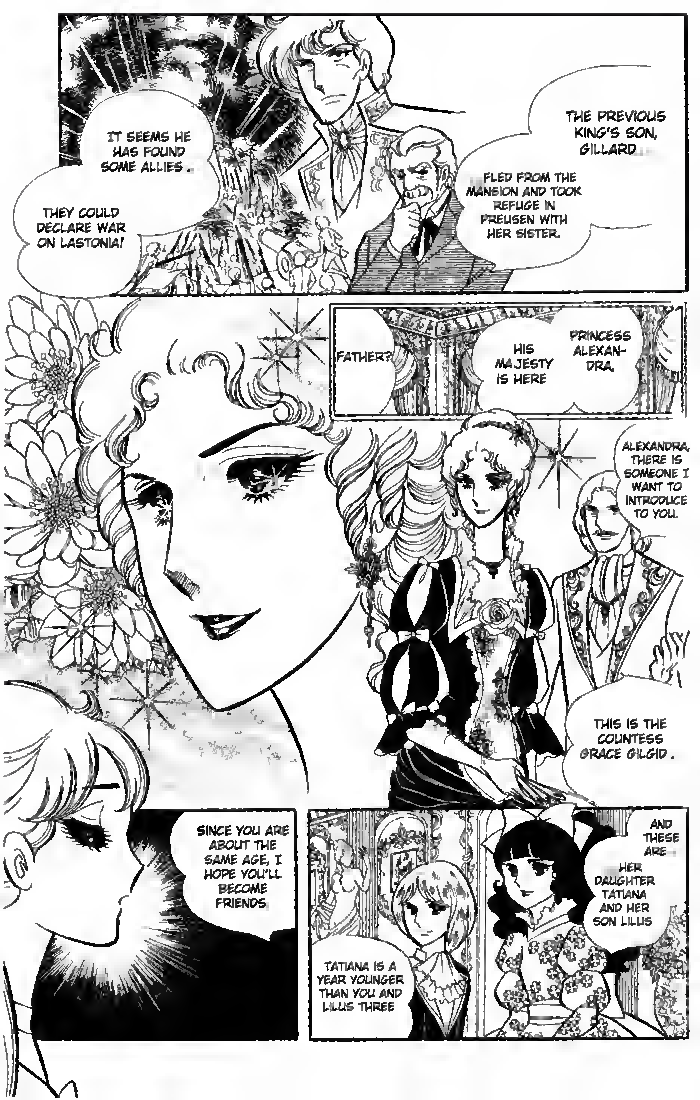
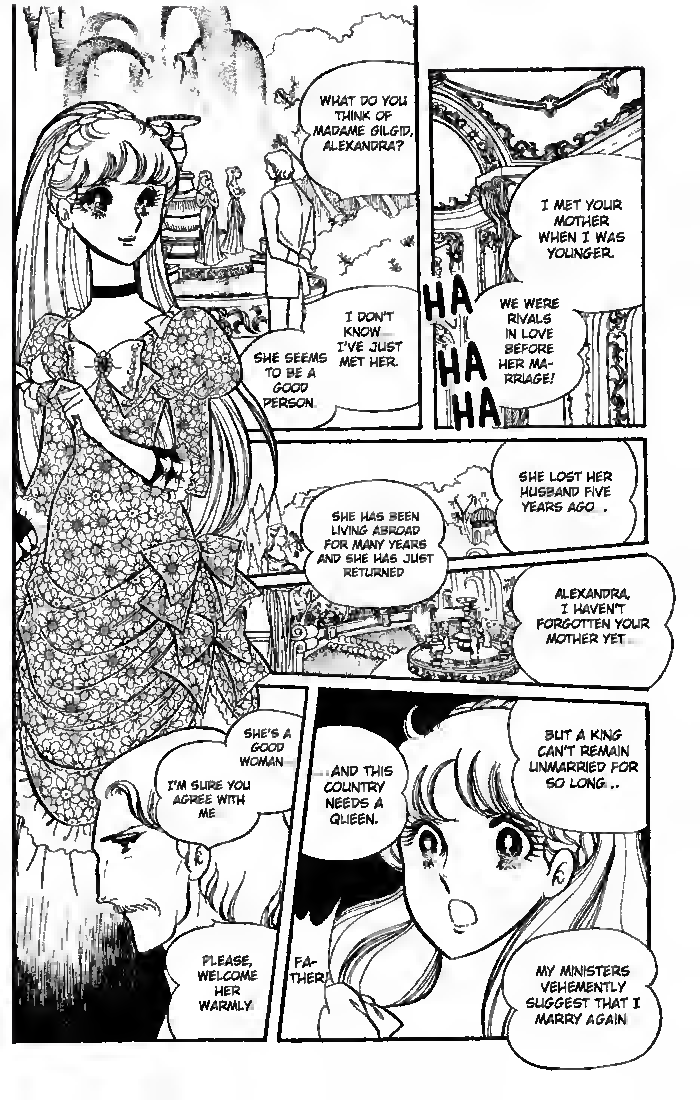
BELIEVE IN THE DOOR THAT OTHERS OPEN FOR YOU.


BELIEVE IN LOVE.
BELIEVE IN OTHER'S LOVE...
ALEXANDRA...
HER WORDS ARE STILL ENGRAVED IN MY HEART.
I DECIDED TO LIVE TRUSTING OTHERS FROM THAT DAY ON.
THAT'S A GOOD THING
WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOUR TRUST.
WE'LL ALWAYS BE BY YOUR SIDE, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.
THOSE WERE MOM'S LAST WORDS...
SEVEN YEARS.
SO MANY THINGS HAVE HAPPENED SINCE MY FATHER WAS CROWNED.
HIS MAJESTY MANAGED TO CALM THE UPROAR OF THE PEOPLE...
...AND THE VOICES DEMANDING A REVOLUTION WERE SILENCED...

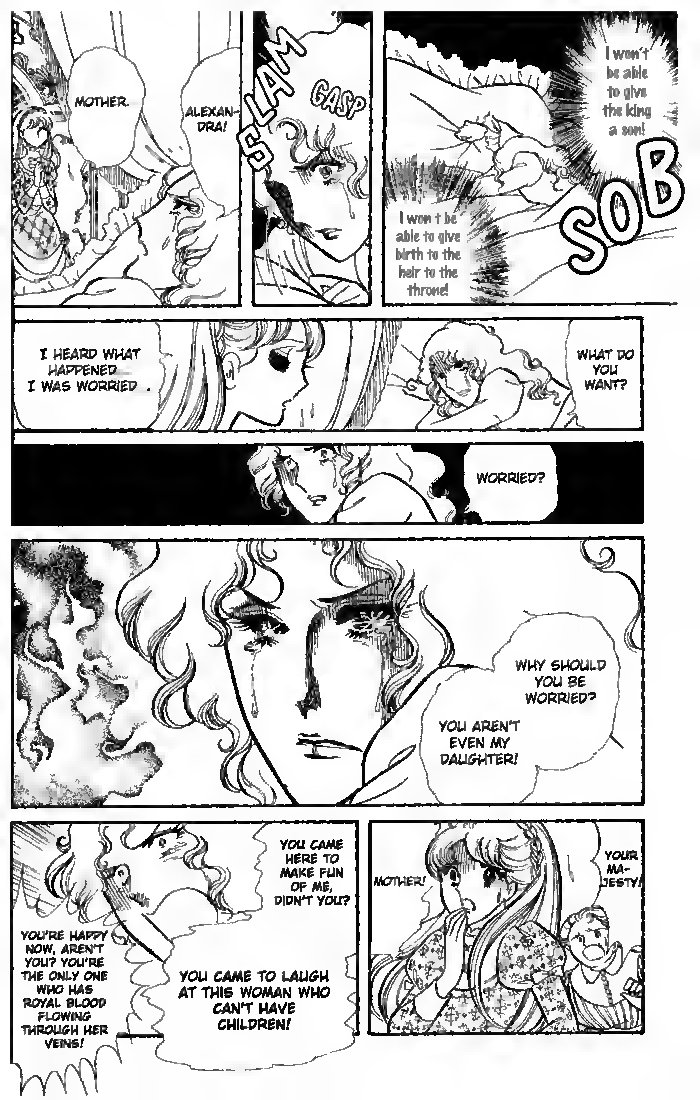

THE PREVIOUS KING'S SON, GILLARD
FLED FROM THE MANSION AND TOOK REFUGE IN PREUSEN WITH HER SISTER.
IT SEEMS HE HAS FOUND SOME ALLIES.
THEY COULD DECLARE WAR ON LASTONIA!
FATHER?
HIS MAJESTY IS HERE
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.
ALEXANDRA, THERE IS SOMEONE I WANT TO INTRODUCE TO YOU.
THIS IS THE COUNTESS GRACE GILGID.
SINCE YOU ARE ABOUT THE SAME AGE, I HOPE YOU'LL BECOME FRIENDS.
AND THESE ARE HER DAUGHTER TATIANA AND HER SON LILLIS
TATIANA IS A YEAR YOUNGER THAN YOU AND LILLIS THREE

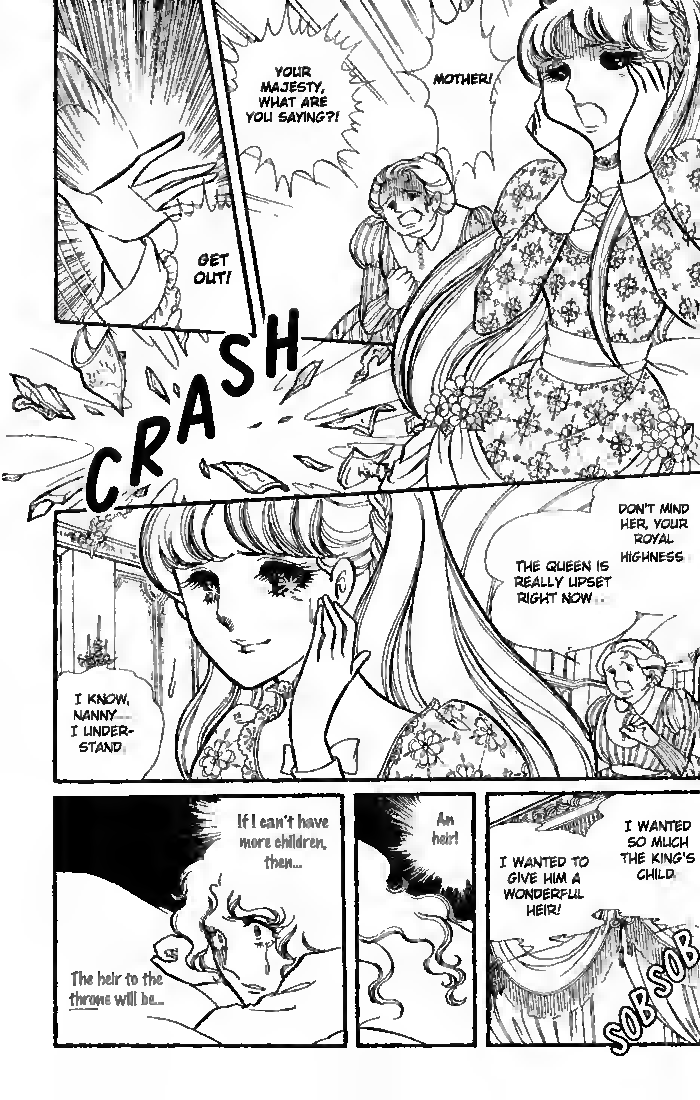

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MADAME GILGID, ALEXANDRA?
I DON'T KNOW I'VE JUST MET HER.
SHE SEEMS TO BE A GOOD PERSON.
I MET YOUR MOTHER WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.
HA HA HA
WE WERE RIVALS IN LOVE BEFORE HER MARRIAGE!
SHE LOST HER HUSBAND FIVE YEARS AGO .
SHE HAS BEEN LIVING ABROAD FOR MANY YEARS AND SHE HAS JUST RETURNED
ALEXANDRA, I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN YOUR MOTHER YET.
SHE'S A GOOD WOMAN
I'M SURE YOU AGREE WITH ME
PLEASE, WELCOME HER WARMLY.
AND THIS COUNTRY NEEDS A QUEEN.
BUT A KING CAN'T REMAIN UNMARRIED FOR SO LONG ..
FA-THER!
MY MINISTERS VEHEMENTLY SUGGEST THAT I MARRY AGAIN

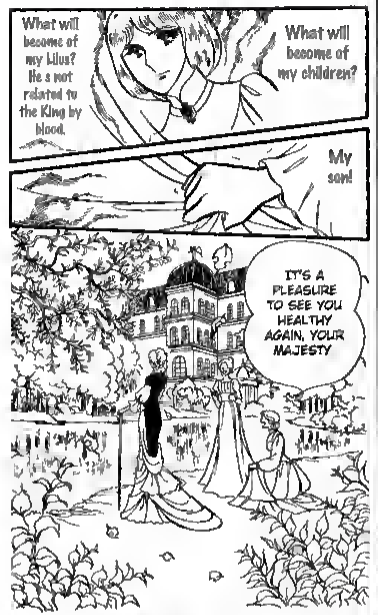
DAAN
DIIIIN
DOOON
I'LL GIVE YOU A WONDERFUL HEIR!
A SON WORTHY TO BECOME A KING
LONG LIVE THE KING!
WHAAAA
WHAAAA
AAAAH
AAAAH
WHAAA
LONG LIVE THE QUEEN!
EVVIVA

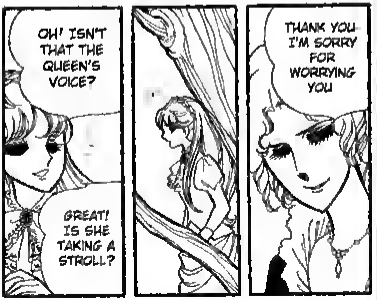
YES, MOTHER.
PLEASE, THINK OF TATIANA AND LILLIS AS YOUR FAMILY.
ALEXANDRA, I HOPE TO BE A GOOD MOTHER FOR YOU!
A NEW MOTHER... A BROTHER AND A SISTER...
HOW DO THEY LOOK LIKE? I DON'T KNOW THEM.
IF ONLY I COULD SEE THEM...
DOOOON
DOOOON
DOOOON
DOOOON

WHAT?! THE QUEEN LOST HER CHILD?
A HALF AND A YEAR LATER...
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME IT HAS HAPPENED
I HOPE SHE IS FINE
HURRY UP, PRINCESS!
WHAT? SHE LOST HER BABY?
I'M SORRY,
BUT I THINK HER MAJESTY WON'T BE ABLE TO HAVE ANY MORE CHILDREN.
I SEE — WE WON'T TRY AGAIN THEN
OOOOOH

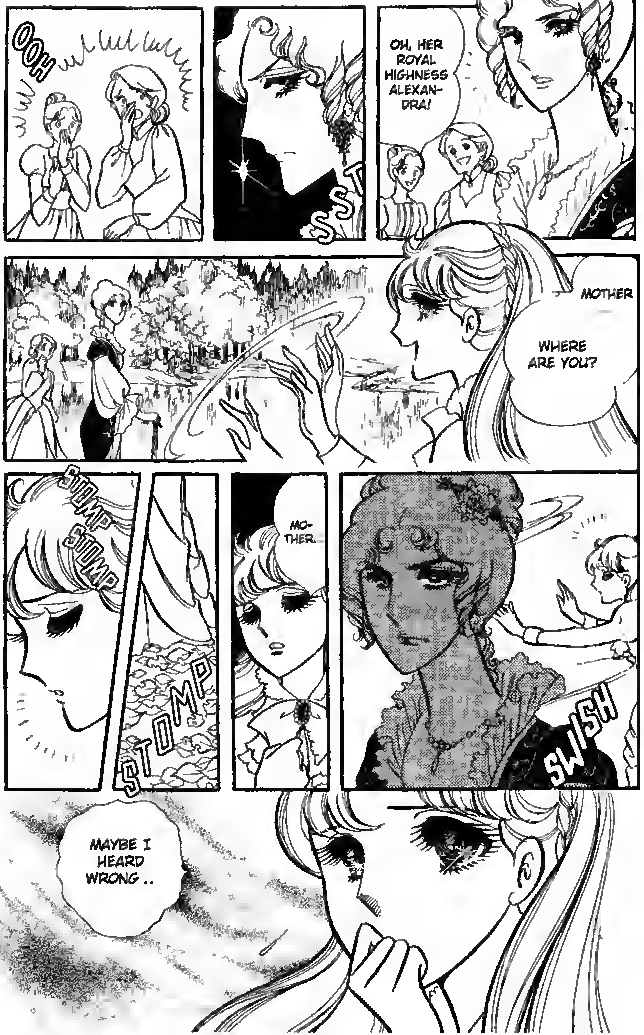

MOTHER.
ALEXANDRA!
SLAM
GASP
I won't be able to give the king a son!
I won't be able to give birth to the heir to the throne!
SOB
I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED I WAS WORRIED .
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
WORRIED?
WHY SHOULD YOU BE WORRIED?
YOU AREN'T EVEN MY DAUGHTER!
YOU CAME HERE TO MAKE FUN OF ME, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU CAME TO LAUGH AT THIS WOMAN WHO CAN'T HAVE CHILDREN!
YOU'RE HAPPY NOW, AREN'T YOU? YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS ROYAL BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH HER VEINS!
MOTHER!
YOUR MAJESTY!


YOUR MAJESTY, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
MOTHER!
GET OUT!
CRASH
I KNOW, NANNY... I UNDERSTAND.
THE QUEEN IS REALLY UPSET RIGHT NOW...
DON'T MIND HER, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS
If I can't have more children, then...
The heir to the throne will be...
An heir!
I WANTED TO GIVE HIM A WONDERFUL HEIR!
I WANTED SO MUCH THE KING'S CHILD
SOB SOB

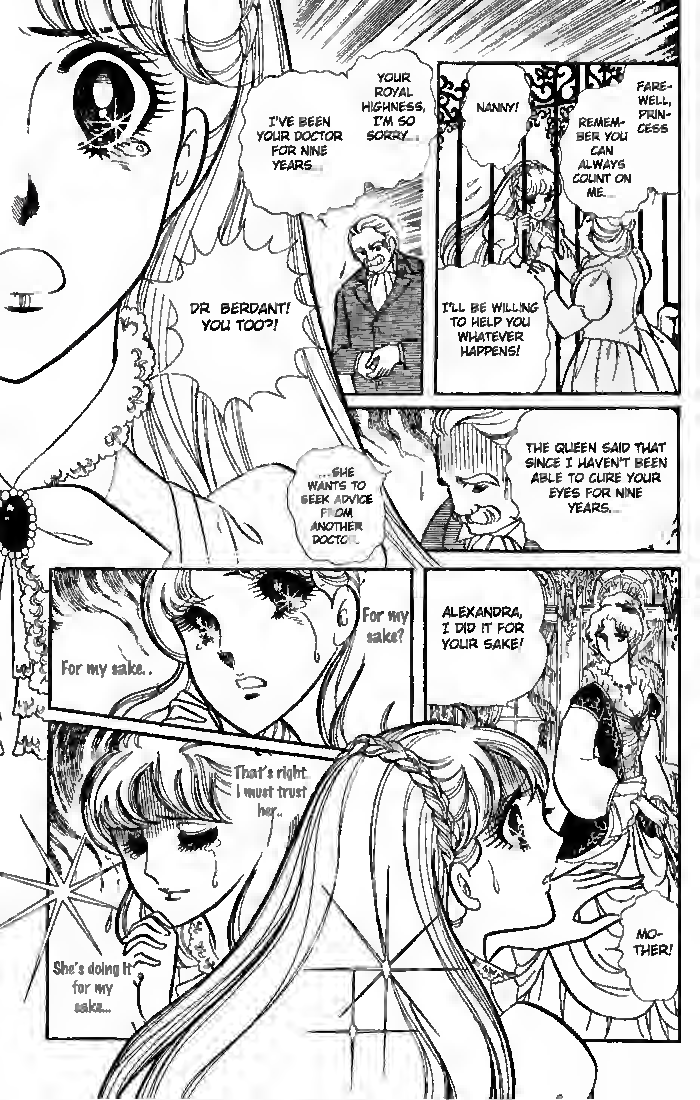

What will become of my children?
What will become of my Lilius? He's not related to the King by blood.
My son!
IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU HEALTHY AGAIN, YOUR MAJESTY

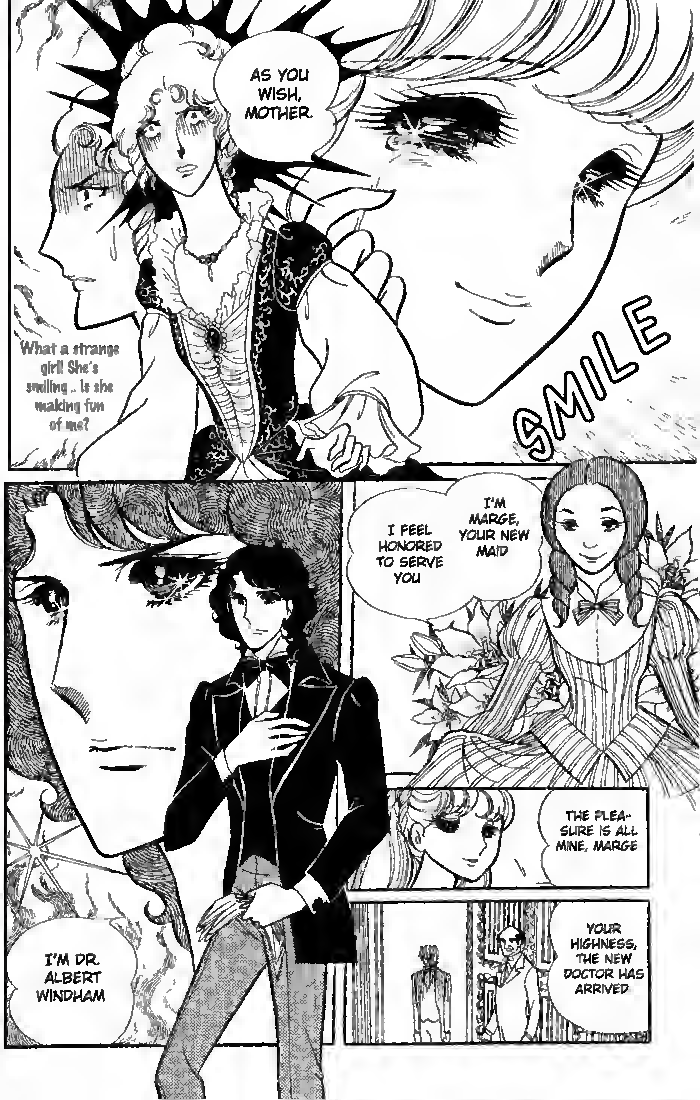

OH! ISN'T THAT THE QUEEN'S VOICE?
GREAT! IS SHE TAKING A STROLL?
THANK YOU. I'M SORRY FOR WORRYING YOU

Alexandra!
That blind girl...
...is the only heir!


OOH
SST
OH, HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA!
MOTHER
WHERE ARE YOU?
STOMP STOMP
STOMP
MO-THER...
SWISH
MAYBE I HEARD WRONG ..

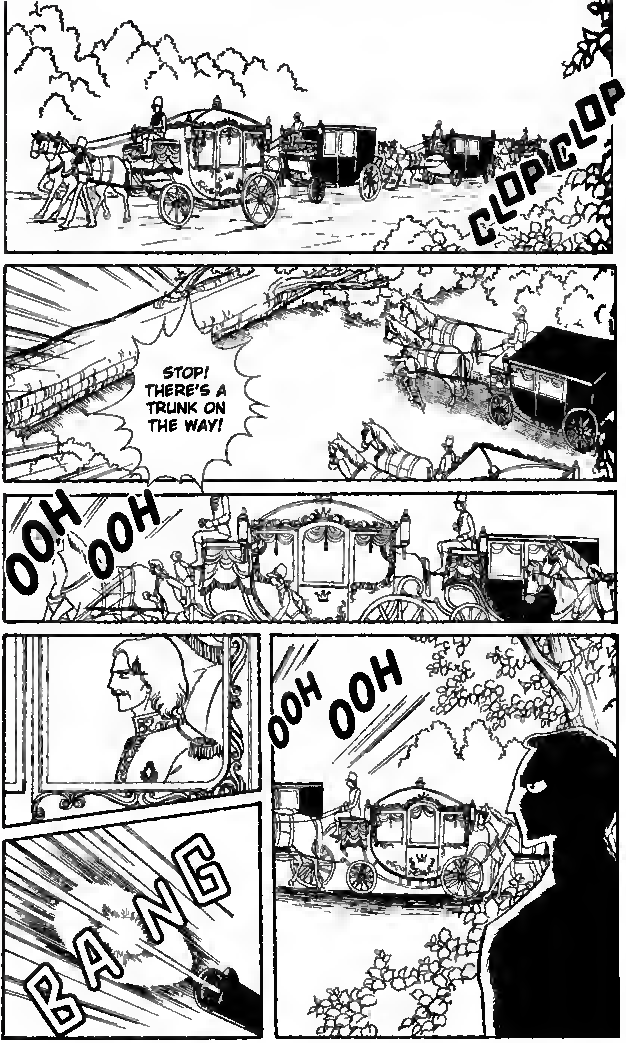
HA HA HA HA
THIS ALEXANDRA IS LIKE A LITTLE GIRL...
YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW HER EVERYWHERE
IT MUST BE A REAL NUISANCE, NANNY
NANNY!
YOU WERE GOING TO FALL INTO THE LAKE...
PRINCESS, WATCH OUT!
BUT WHY, YOUR MAJESTY?
WHAT? I'M FIRED?!
MO-THER...
YOU WANT ME TO ASK THE KING DON'T YOU?
YOU DON'T TRUST MY DECISIONS THEN?
HIS MAJESTY THE KING HAS AGREED!
ASK HIM TO THINK IT OVER, I BEG YOU!
I DON'T WANT THAT, MOTHER!
YOU CAN'T FIRE MY NANNY!
YOU'RE TOO OLD.
ALEXANDRA NEEDS A YOUNG AND STRONG PERSON TO FOLLOW HER AROUND!


I'VE BEEN YOUR DOCTOR FOR NINE YEARS...
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, I'M SO SORRY...
DR. BERDANT! YOU TOO?!
NANNY!
FAREWELL, PRINCESS
REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON ME...
I'LL BE WILLING TO HELP YOU WHATEVER HAPPENS!
THE QUEEN SAID THAT SINCE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CURE YOUR EYES FOR NINE YEARS...
...SHE WANTS TO SEEK ADVICE FROM ANOTHER DOCTOR.
ALEXANDRA, I DID IT FOR YOUR SAKE!
For my sake?
For my sake..
That's right. I must trust her..
She's doing it for my sake...
MOTHER!


AS YOU WISH, MOTHER.
What a strange girl! She's smiling.. Is she making fun of me?
SMILE
I'M MARGE, YOUR NEW MAID
I FEEL HONORED TO SERVE YOU
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE, MARGE
YOUR HIGHNESS, THE NEW DOCTOR HAS ARRIVED
I'M DR. ALBERT WINDHAM

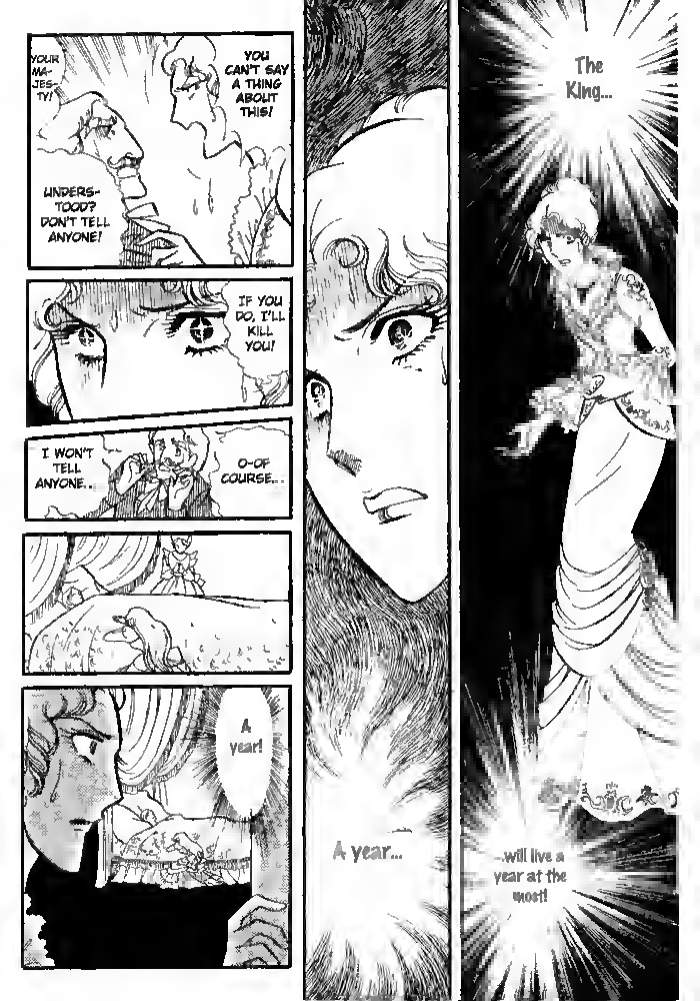
NICE TO MEET YOU, DR. ALBERT
YOU SEEM YOUNG, JUDGING BY YOUR VOICE.
I'M YOUNGER THAN DR. BERRANT
MAYBE I'M NOT AS EXPERIENCED AS MY PREVIOUS COLLEAGUE. .
COMPARED TO HIM I'M JUST A BEGINNER.
NO!
WHY DO YOU SAY THAT? DON'T BE SO MODEST...
IT'S NOT FALSE MODESTY!
MY THERAPIES ARE OFTEN AGGRESSIVE!
TRY NOT TO FORGET IT!
BRR

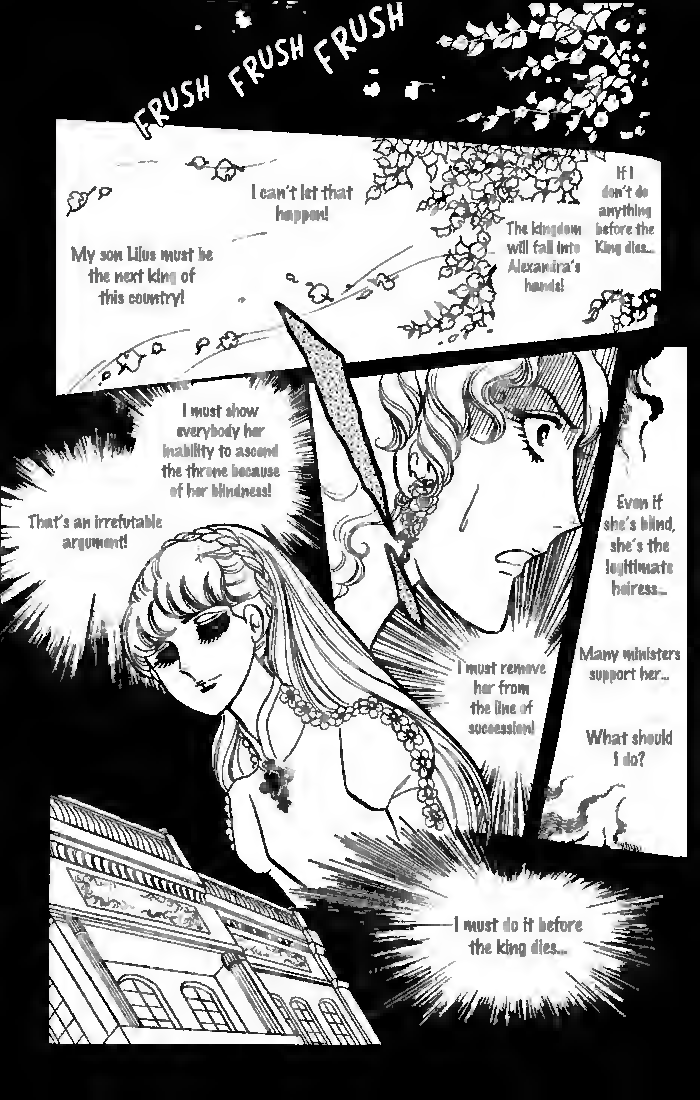
PSST
STOMP
STOMP
I SEE... THANK YOU ANYWAY FOR YOUR CURES.
What a cold and relentless man!
Dr. Albert!
My father was imprisoned some years ago by the King. He hung himself in jail.
Why did the Queen choose me to be Princess Alexandra's doctor?
What is she up to?
Why did the Queen choose me?
I only feel bitterness towards the Royal House...


CLOPICLOP
STOP! THERE'S A TRUNK ON THE WAY!
OOH OOH
OOH OOH
BANG

YOUR MA-JESTY!
YOU MUST FIND THE CULPRIT!
FOLLOW HIM!
HIS MAJESTY WAS SHOT?!
WHAT? THEY ATTACKED THE KING?!
IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH...
THE CULPRIT WASN'T FOUND
THE COUNTRY IS IN CHAOS... THEY ARE SEARCHING FOR THE CULPRIT EVERYWHERE
MANY PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED...
ESPECIALLY REVOLUTIO-NARY ACTIVISTS
THEY ARE CAPTURING ALL OF THEM ONE BY ONE
WHO WOULD DO SO-METHING LIKE THAT?
I HAVE NO IDEA. THEY SET FIRE TO THE CASTLE SOME YEARS AGO
MAYBE IT'S THE SAME PERSON.
BUT WHO WANTS HIS MAJESTY'S DEATH?

This time my father was almost killed!
Could it be the same person who set fire to the palace and caused my blindness?
Who would do something like this?
Please!
Please, don't take more people away from me!
Whoever you may be...
YOUR MAJESTY, COULD I TALK TO YOU IN PRIVATE?
IF HE'S CONFINED TO BED AND RESTS, HE MAY BE ABLE TO SURVIVE FOR A YEAR...
OR EVEN LESS...
EVEN IF HE RECOVERS, THAT WOUND WILL HAVE SERIOUS AFTER-EFFECTS.
FORTUNATELY, THE KING'S LIFE ISN'T IN DANGER ANYMORE BUT THE WOUND ON HIS CHEST IS VERY SERIOUS.
THAT'S WHY I THINK HE WON'T LIVE MUCH LONGER...


YOUR MAJESTY!
YOU CAN'T SAY A THING ABOUT THIS!
UNDERSTOOD? DON'T TELL ANYONE!
IF YOU DO, I'LL KILL YOU!
I WON'T TELL ANYONE..
O-OF COURSE...
A year!
A year...
The King...
...will live a year at the most!


FRUSH FRUSH FRUSH
I can't let that happen!
My son Lilus must be the next king of this country!
The kingdom will fall into Alexandra's hands!
If I don't do anything before the King dies...
I must show everybody her inability to ascend the throne because of her blindness!
That's an irrefutable argument!
Even if she's blind, she's the legitimate heiress...
Many ministers support her...
What should I do?
I must remove her from the line of succession!
I must do it before the king dies...

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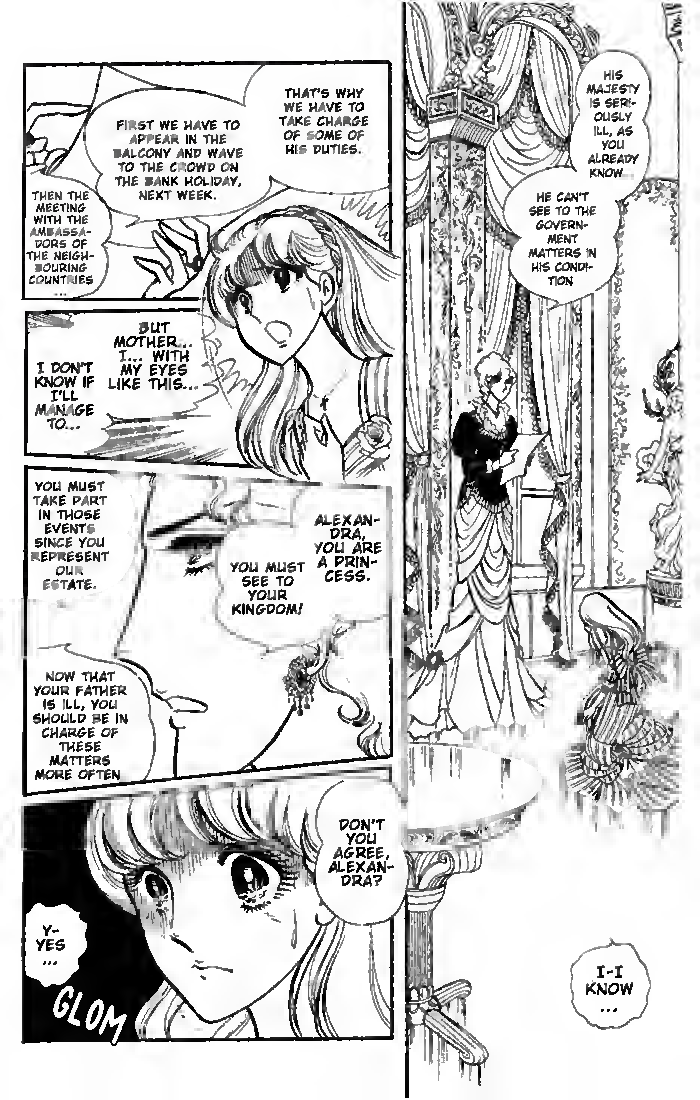

HIS MAJESTY IS SERIOUSLY ILL, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW...
HE CAN'T SEE TO THE GOVERNMENT MATTERS IN HIS CONDITION
I-I KNOW ...
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO TAKE CHARGE OF SOME OF HIS DUTIES.
FIRST WE HAVE TO APPEAR IN THE BALCONY AND WAVE TO THE CROWD ON THE BANK HOLIDAY, NEXT WEEK.
THEN THE MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ...
BUT MOTHER... I... WITH MY EYES LIKE THIS...
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL MANAGE TO...
YOU MUST TAKE PART IN THOSE EVENTS SINCE YOU REPRESENT OUR ESTATE.
ALEXANDRA, YOU ARE A PRINCESS.
YOU MUST SEE TO YOUR KINGDOM!
NOW THAT YOUR FATHER IS ILL, YOU SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THESE MATTERS MORE OFTEN
DON'T YOU AGREE, ALEXANDRA?
Y-YES ...
GLOM

LASTONIA'S BANK HOLIDAY
YAAAAH AAAH
YAHOO
SEEING TO MY KINGDOM...
WILL I BE ABLE TO DO IT?
I LEAVE THEM HERE, NEAR THE MIRROR.
EXCUSE ME, BUT I MUST LEAVE NOW. THE QUEEN ORDERED ME TO RETURN TO HER SIDE IMMEDIATELY.
THE CLOTHES FOR THE CEREMONY?
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, HERE ARE THE CLOTHES FOR THE CEREMONY.
MY MOTHER SAID THAT?
YES, HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN DECIDED YOU TWO SHOULD WEAR MATCHING WHITE DRESSES FOR THE BALCONY GREETING.
DON'T YOU HELP ME TO DRESS?
I WILL SEND YOU A MAID IN A MOMENT.

ALTHOUGH I'M BLIND I'LL HAVE TO DRESS BY MYSELF!
HERE IT IS!
THE DRESS MUST BE NEAR THE MIRROR
WHERE IS THE MAID?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
MAYBE SHE'S WORKING ON PREPARATIONS...
WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS! THIS WAY, HURRY
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA IS HERE!
AAAAAH WHAAAA
Now that I think about it I waved from this same balcony when my father was crowned...
I haven't appeared in public since I became blind.
AAH
THE CROWD IS CHEERING
YAAAAH
EEEH
WAAAH
OOOOH

WITH PLEASURE.
OOOH
YAA
AAH
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS. WAVE TO YOUR PEOPLE.
OOH
OOH!
PSST
THE PRINCESS ...
HER CLOTHES!
HI HI

IT'S BLOOD!
THE PRINCESS' CLOTHES ARE COVERED IN BLOOD!
My clothes are blood-stained?!
ALEXANDRA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU'RE WEARING BLOODSTAINED CLOTHES ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT OCCASION!

YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED TO APPEAR IN FRONT OF YOUR SUBJECTS LIKE THAT!
RETIRE TO YOUR ROOM, ALEXANDRA!
My dress is covered in blood?
OH!
BLAH BLAH
OOH...
I don't understand...
Why? Why is there blood on my dress?
...the one who played this prank on me.
It must be Marya...
WHAT A BAD OMEN!
BLOOD-STAINED CLOTHES ON THE BANK DAY.
HI HI
OOH!

FORGIVE ME, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS!
IT WAS THE COSTUME FOR A PLAY...
MY FRIEND IS AN ACTRESS AND THIS DRESS IS HERS...
IT WASN'T MY INTENTION TO LET YOU WEAR THAT DRESS!
I LEFT IT IN YOUR ROOM BY MISTAKE!
YES!
YOU LEFT THEM ON THE TABLE?
ON THE TABLE ?
I LEFT YOUR CLOTHES ON THE TABLE..
IT'S ALL MY FAULT !
IF I HAD HELPED YOU DRESS, THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!
SOB
THE TABLE ...
But I'm sure she said they were near the mirror.
No!
I must believe in her! I must trust Marge!
Trusting her is the best thing I can do!
Is Marge lying? But why?

Look at her... She bought it...
How naive !
FORGIVE ME FOR DISTRUSTING YOU, MARGE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT, YOUR HIGHNESS.
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA, THE AMBASSADORS ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE RECEPTION ROOM.
I'M GUILLAUME, THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BANK HOLIDAY, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS.

I can't even see their faces!
Will I be able to welcome them the way such important people deserve?
The ambassadors of all the neighbouring countries...
YOUR HIGHNESS, HOLD OUT YOUR HAND FOR HIM.
I'M HONOURED TO MEET YOU.
YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, I'M KISTON, THE ENGLISH AMBASSADOR.
YOUR HIGHNESS YOU'VE GOT THE WRONG PERSON! IT'S THE MAN BESIDE HIM!
Oh!
THANK YOU FOR COMING FROM SO FAR AWAY.
FORGIVE MY RUDENESS.

OH, WHAT A SPLENDID CHINA VASE!
ALEXANDRA, IT'S A PRESENT FROM THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR.
TAKE IT!
HERE ...
SHSH
SHSH
CRASH
OOH!
ALEXANDRA! YOU BROKE THE AMBASSADOR'S PRESENT!

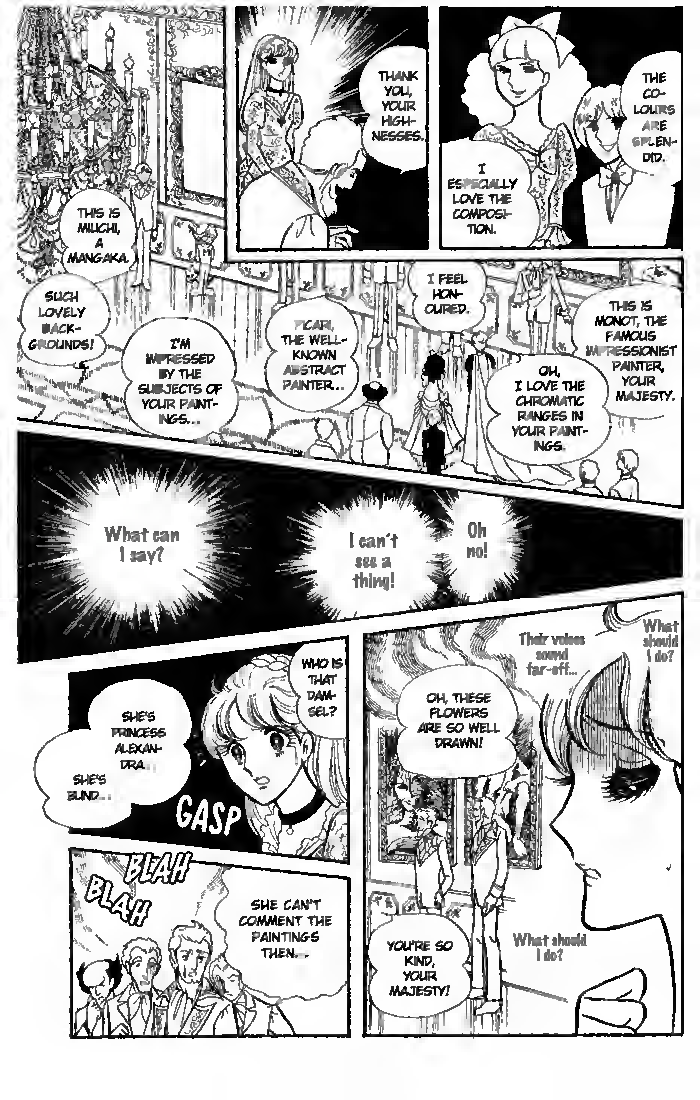
OH...
ALEX-AN-DRA!
FORGIVE ME..
I'M SO SORRY ...
GET A GRIP, ALEXAN-DRA!
A PRINCESS CAN'T CRY IN PUBLIC LIKE THAT!
I HOPE THIS INCIDENT WON'T COM-PROMISE OUR COUNTRIES' RELATIONS...
...WHICH WILL SURELY BE PROSPEROUS IN THE FUTURE TOO.
MR. AMBASSA-DOR, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR WONDERFUL PRESENT.
PLEASE, FORGIVE MY STEP-DAUGHTER'S CLUMSINESS.
I want to disappear..
I want to run away and hide..
HAVING A BLIND PRIN-CESS IS TROUBLE-SOME
WE RUN THE RISK OF HAVING DIPLOMATIC INCIDENTS ALL THE TIME..
YOU ARE RIGHT.
FLOW
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY.

DR. ALBERT, IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY FOR MY EYES TO BE CURED?
DID YOU CALL FOR ME, YOUR HIGHNESS?
SPLASH SPLASH
IF I COULD REGAIN MY SIGHT, EVEN IF IT WERE ONLY A LITTLE...
IF ONLY I COULD MAKE OUT WHERE PEOPLE AND OBJECTS ARE...
YOUR HIGHNESS ...
DO YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO KEEP LIVING IN DARKNESS?
DR., HOW ARE MY EYES?

OH!
GIVEN THE CURRENT MEDICAL ADVANCES, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
I DON'T WANT TO BUILD UP YOUR HOPES.
DO YOU MEAN... MY EYES CAN'T BE CURED?
HOW CAN I BE A PRINCESS IF I CAN'T SEE?
BUT THEN... THEN... HOW AM I GOING TO KEEP LIVING?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M HOLDING IN MY HAND, PRINCESS?
IF YOU CAN'T SEE, YOU CAN ALWAYS TOUCH THINGS...
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T SEE IT YOU KNEW IT JUST BY TOUCHING.
IF YOU CAN'T TOUCH THEM, THEN LISTEN...
YOU ONLY HAVE TO FACE PEOPLE WITH A SINCERE HEART...
IF YOU ARE SINCERE, PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU FEEL.
IT'S A GLASS, ISN'T IT?
YES.
THEN TOUCH IT.
NO ...

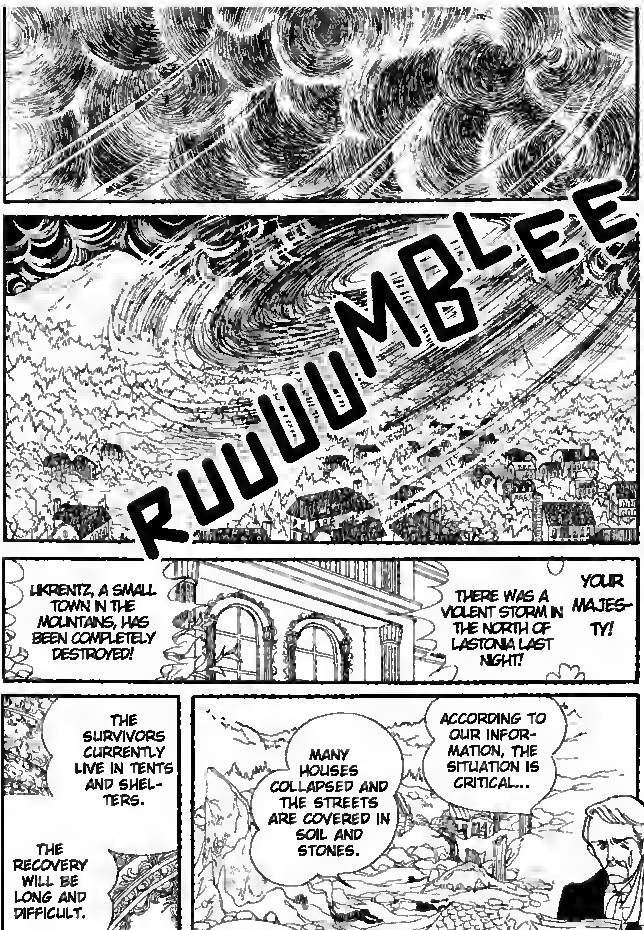
I WAS SCARED OF YOU AT FIRST BUT NOW I KNOW YOU ARE A GOOD PERSON...
THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. I FEEL MUCH BETTER NOW.
GOODBYE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
IF I CAN'T TOUCH THEM, I CAN LISTEN...
IF I CAN'T SEE, I CAN ALWAYS TOUCH THINGS...
I ONLY HAVE TO FACE PEOPLE WITH A SINCERE HEART...
WHO KNOWS ...
I MAY BE A BAD PERSON...
DOC-TOR ...
She trusts me...
I TRUST YOU, DOCTOR.
NO, I'M SURE.
What a strange girl...
I BELIEVE IN YOU!
I can't even think of hurting her after hearing her say such things.
...even if I hate the royal family

LASTONIA'S ART GALLERY OFFICIAL INAUGURATION.
QUEEN, PRINCE AND PRINCESSES
THIS WAY, PLEASE.
THIS IS THE MODERN ART SECTION.
They asked me to take part in the Art Gallery inauguration ceremony... But what should I do?
HURRAH FOR LASTONIA'S NEW ART GALLERY!
YOUR MAJESTY, PRINCE, PRINCESSES...
THIS IS THE PAINTER ROMBRANDT, A NOTORIOUS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FAUVIST MOVEMENT
..LET ME INTRODUCE YOU! THE AUTHORS OF THESE VALUABLE ARTWORKS
I'M HONOURED TO MEET YOU!!
CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR PAINTINGS SHOW YOUR GREAT TALENT.


THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESSES.
THE COLOURS ARE SPLENDID.
I ESPECIALLY LOVE THE COMPOSITION.
THIS IS MILCHI, A MANGAKA.
SUCH LOVELY BACKGROUNDS!
I'M IMPRESSED BY THE SUBJECTS OF YOUR PAINTINGS...
I FEEL HONOURED.
PICARI, THE WELL-KNOWN ABSTRACT PAINTER...
THIS IS MONOT, THE FAMOUS IMPRESSIONIST PAINTER, YOUR MAJESTY.
OH, I LOVE THE CHROMATIC RANGES IN YOUR PAINTINGS.
What can I say?
I can't see a thing!
Oh no!
WHO IS THAT DAMSEL?
SHE'S PRINCESS ALEXANDRA...
SHE'S BLIND...
GASP
BLAH BLAH
SHE CAN'T COMMENT THE PAINTINGS THEN...
Their voices sound far-off...
What should I do?
OH, THESE FLOWERS ARE SO WELL DRAWN!
YOU'RE SO KIND, YOUR MAJESTY!
What should I do?

I'M ALEXANDRA. NICE TO MEET YOU.
MY PLEASURE. MY NAME IS ROMBRANDT.
GASP
DOCTOR!
PRINCESS, YOU MUST GO TO THEM WITH A SINCERE HEART!
I'M SURE YOUR PAINTINGS ARE BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S REALLY A SHAME I CAN'T SEE THEM.
I BECAME BLIND WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD...
BUT I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THIS ART GALLERY.
THANK YOU, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS!
MR. ROMBRANDT, YOU HAVE SUCH A WARM AND BIG HAND...
MAY I SHAKE YOUR HAND?
BUT I'D LIKE TO TOUCH THE HANDS THAT CREATED SUCH MARVELLOUS ARTWORKS.
I'M SURE YOU PAINT SPLENDID PAINTINGS WITH IT.

AH AH AH
WATER LILIES BLOOM FROM YOUR HANDS THEN!
HOWEVER NO LEAVES SPROUT FROM THEM.
MY PLEASURE
NICE TO MEET YOU... MAY I ASK YOU THE SUBJECT OF YOUR PAINTINGS?
I'M MONOT, THE IMPRESSIONIST PAINTER.
I MOSTLY PAINT AQUATIC FLOWERS.
AH AH AH
THE PAINTERS' FACES, TENSE SOME MINUTES AGO, SUDDENLY RELAXED.
LUCKILY YOUR HAND DIDN'T TURN ABSTRACT TOO!
I'M THE ABSTRACT PAINTER PICARI.
MOM, OUR PLAN WAS A SPECTACULAR FAILURE.
THAT GIRL HAS MORE RESOURCES THAN WE THOUGHT
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, ALEXANDRA
WHO HADN'T GREETED HER YET, CROWDED AROUND THE PRINCESS.
AFTER THE NATIONAL ART GALLERY INAUGURATION,
PEOPLE ONLY TALKED ABOUT PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.


RUUUUMBLEE
YOUR MAJESTY!
THERE WAS A VIOLENT STORM IN THE NORTH OF LASTONIA LAST NIGHT!
LIKRENTZ, A SMALL TOWN IN THE MOUNTAINS, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED!
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL...
MANY HOUSES COLLAPSED AND THE STREETS ARE COVERED IN SOIL AND STONES.
TWENTY PEOPLE DIED AND THERE ARE MORE THAN A HUNDRED CASUALTIES ...
THE SURVIVORS CURRENTLY LIVE IN TENTS AND SHELTERS.
THE RECOVERY WILL BE LONG AND DIFFICULT.

OF COURSE, IT'S A FANTASTIC IDEA! BUT I WON'T BE THE ONE GOING...
...ALEXANDRA WILL DO IT!
SEEING YOU THERE WILL ENCOURAGE THE VICTIMS OF THIS TRAGEDY.
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SHOULD VISIT THE TRAGEDY SITE.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT WOULD BE A GREAT PUBLICITY FOR THE ROYAL HOUSE.
FIIIIIII!!!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
Everybody will realize how useless a blind princess is
The people will rebel against her!
AH AH AH AH
The locals will get indignant at her lack of sensitivity!
Alexandra is blind, so she won't notice the scale of the tragedy...

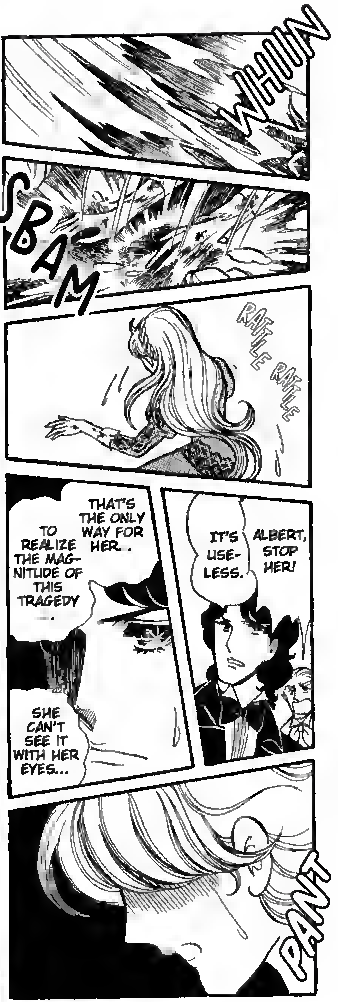
THE WAY TO UKRENTZ WAS BLOCKED BY THE RUBBLE.
ALEXANDRA ARRIVED AT THE NEAREST STATION TO UKRENTZ, IN NORTH LASTONIA.
A CARRIAGE TOOK HER TO THE TRAGEDY SITE.
THANK YOU FOR VISITING US IN SUCH DIFFICULT MOMENTS.
WELCOME, PRINCESS.
I'M THE MAYOR OF UKRENTZ.
WE DON'T NEED HER FALSE COMPASSION!
HOW CAN SHE UNDERSTAND OUR SUFFERING?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
SHE'S BLIND, SHE CAN'T EVEN SEE WHAT HAPPENED!
VISITING US?!
YOUR HIGHNESS!
LET ME GO TO THEM!
PLEASE, GUIDE ME.
THEY COULDN'T COME HERE TO WELCOME YOU..
WELL, THE INJURED ARE AT THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN.
WHERE ARE THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS?
WHERE ARE THE INJURED PEOPLE?

ALRIGHT
GIVE ME YOUR HAND...
I CAME HERE TO VISIT THE VICTIMS OF THIS TRAGEDY ...
GUIDE ME TO THEM!
YOU CAN'T GO THERE BY FOOT !
THE STREETS ARE FULL OF RUBBLE!
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THE MOUNTAIN FELL DOWN...
ESPECIALLY IN YOUR CONDITION!
NO, YOUR HIGHNESS! IT'S DANGEROUS!
I CAN'T SEE IT WITH MY EYES, AS YOU KNOW.
NO, THANK YOU. GUIDING ME WITH YOUR VOICE WILL BE ENOUGH.
I'LL USE MY HANDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED IN THIS TOWN.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. SHE CAN'T SEE BUT WANTS TO WALK AROUND WITHOUT HELP.
SHE IS SERIOUS ...
THERE'S A FALLEN COLUMN AHEAD, WATCH OUT.

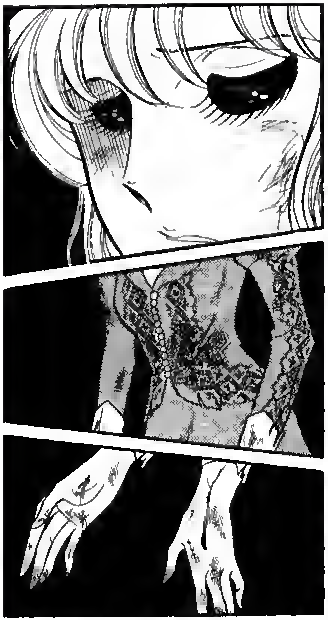
SBAM
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
BE CAREFUL, YOUR HIGHNESS ...
I'M OK!
DON'T WORRY !
WHAT'S THIS?
IT'S A ROOF, YOUR HIGH-NESS.
A roof? The whole house fall down?!
THAT'S TERRI-BLE!
Alexandra . What an incredible girl—
SHE REALLY WAS SERIOUS ...
YOU BET ...

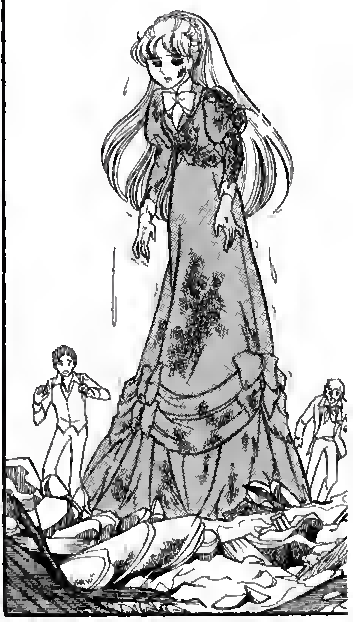
PRINCESS, BE CAREFUL! THERE'S A STONE AT YOUR LEFT!
THERE'S A TRUNK AT YOUR RIGHT, WATCH OUT!
AND THERE IS A FALLEN BEAM NEXT TO IT...
WATCH OUT! THERE'S A PUDDLE AHEAD!
Ah!
BE CAREFUL TO NOT CUT YOURSELF WITH THOSE PIECES OF GLASS...
PRINCESS, DID YOU GET HURT?
It doesn't matter, it's nothing!
THAT WAS THE CEILING OF THE TOWN HALL...
SIX PEOPLE DIED WHEN IT FELL...
BE CAREFUL WITH THAT STONE, YOUR HIGHNESS!

PANT
PANT


WHOOM
SBAM
RATTLE RATTLE
ALBERT, STOP HER!
IT'S USE-LESS.
THAT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR HER. .
TO REALIZE THE MAG-NITUDE OF THIS TRAGEDY .
SHE CAN'T SEE IT WITH HER EYES...
PANT

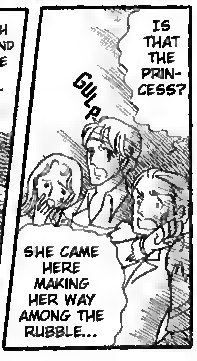
WHAT? THE PRINCESS CAME HERE?
A BLIND GIRL WALKING BY HERSELF ?!
THAT'S NOT ALL! IT SEEMS SHE CAME HERE WALKING WITHOUT HELP.
B-BUT THE STREETS ARE FULL OF DEBRIS!
OH!





I'M ALEXANDRA, PRINCESS OF LASTONIA.
IT WAS A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY, I'M SO SORRY...

ONLY TO BE WITH US...
ALTHOUGH SHE'S BLIND SHE CAME HERE WITHOUT HELP.


IS THAT THE PRINCESS?
GULP
SHE CAME HERE MAKING HER WAY AMONG THE RUBBLE...

I trust you...
I'M SURE THE PEOPLE FROM THIS TOWN WON'T BE DISHEARTENED AND THEY'LL REBUILD THEIR TOWN WITH STRENGTH AND COURAGE!
I BELIEVE IN YOU!
BUT DON'T LOSE YOUR COURAGE, PLEASE!
WHAT?! THE PEOPLE FROM UKRENTZ STARTED REBUILDING THEIR TOWN THANKS TO ALEXANDRA?
DID YOUR WOUNDS HURT, YOUR HIGHNESS?
NO!
I can't believe it.. Alexandra ...
THEY ARE REBUILDING THE TOWN EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN BEFORE!
IT SEEMS SO, YOUR MAJESTY !
THE PEOPLE RECOVERED MIRACULOUSLY FAST!
IT SEEMS THE PRINCESS' WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT GAVE THEM STRENGTH

AH
AH
YOU TOLD ME YOUR THERAPIES WERE QUITE AGGRESSIVE THE FIRST TIME WE MET...
BUT YOU'RE SO SWEET!
WHAT?
DR. ALBERT, YOU LIED TO ME, DIDN'T YOU?
Alexandra!
Gillard...
IF THEY REFUSE TO SEND US THE CULPRIT ...
... A WAR WILL BREAK OUT!
Why did you do that?
BESIDES HE CAME FROM PREUSEN, WHERE GILLARD'S SISTER LIVES.
AND THE EMPEROR OF PREUSEN LET HIM ACT WITH IMPUNITY?
WHAT?! THE CULPRIT OF THE KING'S ATTACK WAS ONE OF GILLARD'S SERVANTS?!
YES! HE HAD GILLARD'S LETTER...
IT WAS HIS SEAL, THERE IS NO DOUBT!

THE KINGDOM OF LASTONIA ASKED THE CULPRIT'S EXTRADITION TO THE KINGDOM OF PREUSEN OFFICIALLY...
BUT PREUSEN REFUSED AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO DETERIORATED QUICKLY.
BUT WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?
WE CAN'T LET A CRIMINAL LIKE THAT GO UNPUNISHED!
I HOPE THERE IS NO WAR...
THAT GILLARD IS A TERRIBLE MAN.
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
YOU CAN'T LET THAT PASS ON!
YOUR MAJESTY, IT SEEMS GILLARD WAS BEHIND THE ATTEMPT OF MURDER!
ALEXANDRA..
YES, FATHER?
FOR...GIVE
HE SAID HE FORGIVES HIM!
PLEASE, FORGIVE GILLARD THIS TIME!
FATHER, IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS A WAR WILL BREAK OUT!
BUT WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ALEXANDRA?!

WHAT?!
HIS MAJESTY SAID HE FORGIVES GILLARD.
HE FORGIVES HIM? BUT THE COUNTRY'S HONOR IS AT STAKE!
THAT MAN MUST BE PUNISHED!
WHY DON'T YOU FORGET WHAT HAPPENED AND ASK THE EMPEROR OF PREUSEN AND GILLARD TO NOT LET SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPEN AGAIN?
I HAVE AN IDEA!
IF THEY PROMISE US, WE'LL BE OUT OF DANGER..
AH AH AH
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU ARE SO NAIVE!
THAT'S ABSURD! HOW ARE THEY GOING TO MAKE SUCH A PROMISE?
BUT IF THE EMPEROR OF PREUSEN GIVES HIS WORD..
...I'LL TRUST HIM!
MINISTER...
WE COULD TRY...
WE'LL GIVE THEM A WRITTEN CONTRACT!

THE EMPIRE OF PRESLIEN DOESN'T WANT TO START A WAR
IT'S BETTER TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH THEM.
AND WE'LL STRENGTHEN OUR BONDS WITH PRELISEN.
IF WE ARE GENEROUS ...
GILLARD' EXILE WILL BE SORTED OUT IN OUR FAVOUR...
I AGREE ... I DON'T WANT A WAR
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION.
What an opportunity!
Finally I'll show everybody Alexandra's inability!
AH AH AH AH AH
What can a blind princess do?
She'll lose all her credibility with the first mistake she makes!
Finally I'll be able to show everybody her inability to ascend the throne!
In charge of the negotiations? Will I manage to do it?
I can't see...
ALEXANDRA, SINCE THE CONTRACT IDEA WAS YOURS...
... I WANT YOU TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.
PRELISEN AGREED TO SEE THE CONTRACT.
YOU'LL HAVE A MEETING WITH GILLARD TOGETHER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AS THE PRINCESS OF LASTONIA.
WHAT ?

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THE CHOSEN PLACE FOR THE NEGOTIATION WAS NEITHER LASTONIA NOR PREUSEN...
...BUT A MANSION IN THE FOREST LOCATED IN A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY.
ARE THERE MANY GUARDS ?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS IF WE TAKE THE WRONG STEP WE COULD NEVER RETURN HOME ALIVE.
WHAT A DEPLOYMENT!
THEY THINK WE ARE GOING TO TRY KILLING GILLARD DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS.
THE PRINCESS AND THE PRIME MINISTER OF LASTONIA !
SMILE
IT MUST BE HARD SEEING ALL THE TIME, RIGHT?
SLAM
YOUR EXCELLENCY GILLARD !

ALEXANDRA! THE CONTRACT WAS AN EXCUSE!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER! DON'T MOVE OR I'LL SHOOT YOU!
YOU CAME TO AVENGE YOUR FATHER, DIDN'T YOU?
YOUR EXCELLENCY!
I WAS THE ONE WHO STARTED THE FIRE WHERE YOU LOST YOUR SIGHT!
YOU TRUST ME? HA HA HA!! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!
NO, GILLARD. MY FATHER SAID HE FORGIVES YOU...
WHAT?
YOUR EXCELLENCY GILLARD!
I'M THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL YOUR FATHER!
LET ME FINISH!
YES... I HAVE COME HERE BECAUSE I TRUST YOU AND YOUR PROMISE.

SILENCE
I WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED YOUR BLINDNESS, ALEXANDRA!
ARE YOU GOING TO FORGIVE THAT TOO?
I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I'M NOT ANGRY, GILLARD...
...
BUT MY FATHER FORGAVE YOU.
...AND I WANT TO FORGET THE PAST TOO.
NOW SIGN THE CONTRACT.
BUT FIRST YOU MUST SWEAR BEFORE GOD
...
I DON'T TRUST YOU!
I ALSO HAVE A CONTRACT FOR YOU TO SIGN.
WHAT?
I DRAFTED THIS DOCUMENT.
IT'S A DECLARATION BY THE KING OF LASTONIA, SAYING HE FORGIVES ME.
ONLY IF YOU SIGN MY CONTRACT, THEN I'LL SIGN YOURS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? THAT WAY WE'LL BE EVEN.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRITTEN IN THE CONTRACT!
YOUR HIGHNESS, YOU CAN'T ACCEPT IT!
THAT DOESN'T MATTER. SHE CAN SIGN.
BUT YOUR EXCELLENCY, HER HIGHNESS CAN'T SEE
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
MAYBE THE CONTRACT SAYS YOU'LL HAND OVER ALL YOUR TERRITORIES TO ME...
OR THAT I'M THE ONLY LEGITIMATE HEIR TO THE THRONE...
ARE YOU GOING TO SIGN IT OR NOT?
TELL ME, ALEXANDRA!
What should I do? Maybe the contract is a trap.
Maybe he's lying..
Mom, help me –

Trusting others is all you can do.
OH...
MOM ...
OF COURSE!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO...
OH
DLIN
Believe in others, Alexandra!

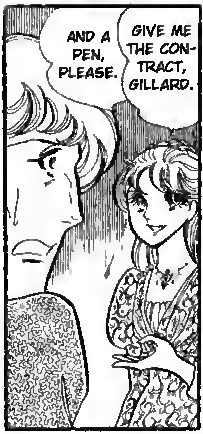
DON'T MOVE, GILLARD.
I'M GOING TOWARDS YOU FOLLOWING YOUR VOICE.
YOUR HIGH-NESS !
SWISH
ALEXAN-DRA..
OOH OOH
Trust others, Alexan-dra...
Believe in the hand that others hold out...

And Alexandra...
Believe in the words that others tell you...
INCREDIBLE ...
SHE'S APPROACHING HIM!

I...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
SHE IS APPROACHING ME WITHOUT HESITATION...

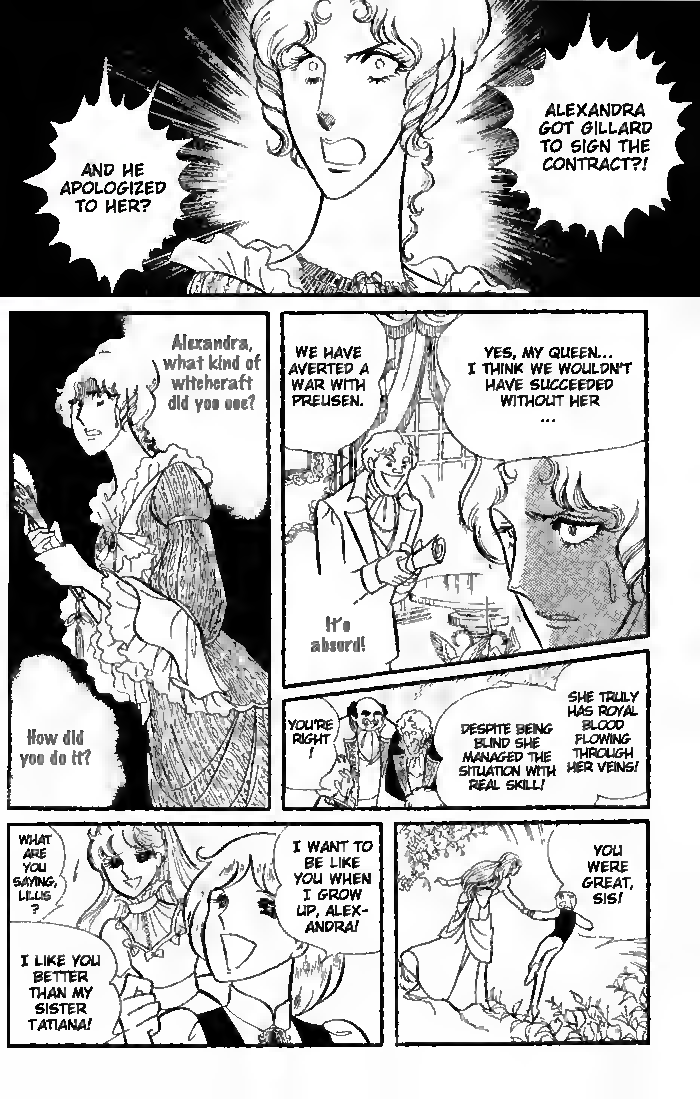
LOOK! GILLARD IS TREMBLING LIKE A LEAF!
HE'S SLOWLY STEPPING BACK ...

YOUR HIGHNESS!
GILLARD, I TRUST YOU!


AND A PEN, PLEASE.
GIVE ME THE CONTRACT, GILLARD.

GLOW
Believe in other's love ...
Believe in love ...

SIGN AT THE BOTTOM.
HERE IS THE CONTRACT...
I TRUST YOU.
OOOH
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE PAIN I HAVE CAUSED YOU UNTIL NOW.
ALEXANDRA, THIS IS MY PROMISE...
GILLARD!
I BEG YOU, FORGIVE ME.
FROM NOW ON I WON'T GIVE YOU AND YOUR FATHER ANY MORE PROBLEMS...
BUT IF ALEXANDRA HADN'T SIGNED IT...
...I WOULDN'T HAVE SIGNED HERS!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A FUSS OVER IT!
THIS CONTRACT...
SBAM
...IS A BLANK PIECE OF PAPER.
OOOH!


AND HE APOLOGIZED TO HER?
ALEXANDRA GOT GILLARD TO SIGN THE CONTRACT?!
Alexandra, what kind of witchcraft did you use?
How did you do it?
WE HAVE AVERTED A WAR WITH PREUSEN.
YES, MY QUEEN... I THINK WE WOULDN'T HAVE SUCCEEDED WITHOUT HER ...
It's absurd!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
DESPITE BEING BLIND SHE MANAGED THE SITUATION WITH REAL SKILL!
SHE TRULY HAS ROYAL BLOOD FLOWING THROUGH HER VEINS!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, LILIS?
I LIKE YOU BETTER THAN MY SISTER TATIANA!
I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU WHEN I GROW UP, ALEXANDRA!
YOU WERE GREAT, SIS!

I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT!
YOU'RE SO KIND, LILUS...
L-LIZARD?
IT'S NOT FUN PLAYING JOKES ON YOU!
OK, GO AWAY, LITTLE LIZARD!
TSK, ALEXANDRA
YOU BUY EVERYTHING OTHERS TELL YOU!
HA HA HA HA
Alexandra...
TRUE. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY NO TO HER.
HA HA HA
PRINCE LILUS IS VERY FOND OF HER ROYAL HIGHNESS ALEXANDRA ...
THE PRINCESS CONQUERS EVERYONE'S HEARTS WITH HER TRUSTFUL NATURE!
PEOPLE CAN'T HELP BUT TRUST HER!

Even I, who hated the Royal Family once...
You conquer everyone with your magic!
...will give my life for you now.
...TO SPY ON HER EVERYDAY WITHOUT BEING SEEN.
IT'S NOT FAIR ...
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF HER HIGHNESS' BLINDNESS...
YES, GARDENER ?
DR. ALBERT !
HER HIGHNESS IS BLIND..
I'M HER DOCTOR ...
IF SHE WERE TO FALL AND HURT HERSELF.. IT'S A GOOD THING I'M AROUND TO HELP HER!
I HOPE I'M MISTAKEN.
OTHERWISE I'D BE REALLY TROUBLESOME.
PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THINGS UNTIL SOMEONE TELLS THEM ...
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT ..

What?! You resigned?!
BUT WHY, DR. ALBERT ?
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG?
TELL ME THE REASON, AT LEAST !
UNFOR-TU-NATELY ...
... I CAN'T TELL YOU.
NOW THAT...
... I'VE BECOME ACCUS-TOMED TO YOU!
WHY SO SUDDENLY?
AFTER LEAVING THE PALACE ...
...I'LL OPEN A LITTLE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT IN THE COUN-TRYSIDE.
YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND...
...EVEN IF I BEG YOU?
I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND.
DR. ALBERT, BEFORE YOU LEAVE...
WAIT!
... I WANT TO KNOW HOW YOUR FACE LOOKS.
GOODBYE, PRINCESS.

ALL RIGHT
PLEASE, LET ME TOUCH..
YOU SAID I SHOULD TOUCH THINGS IF I WANT TO KNOW HOW THEY LOOK..
YOUR FACE!
You'd realize how much I love you!
Alexandra...
I'm lucky you can't see...
Otherwise...

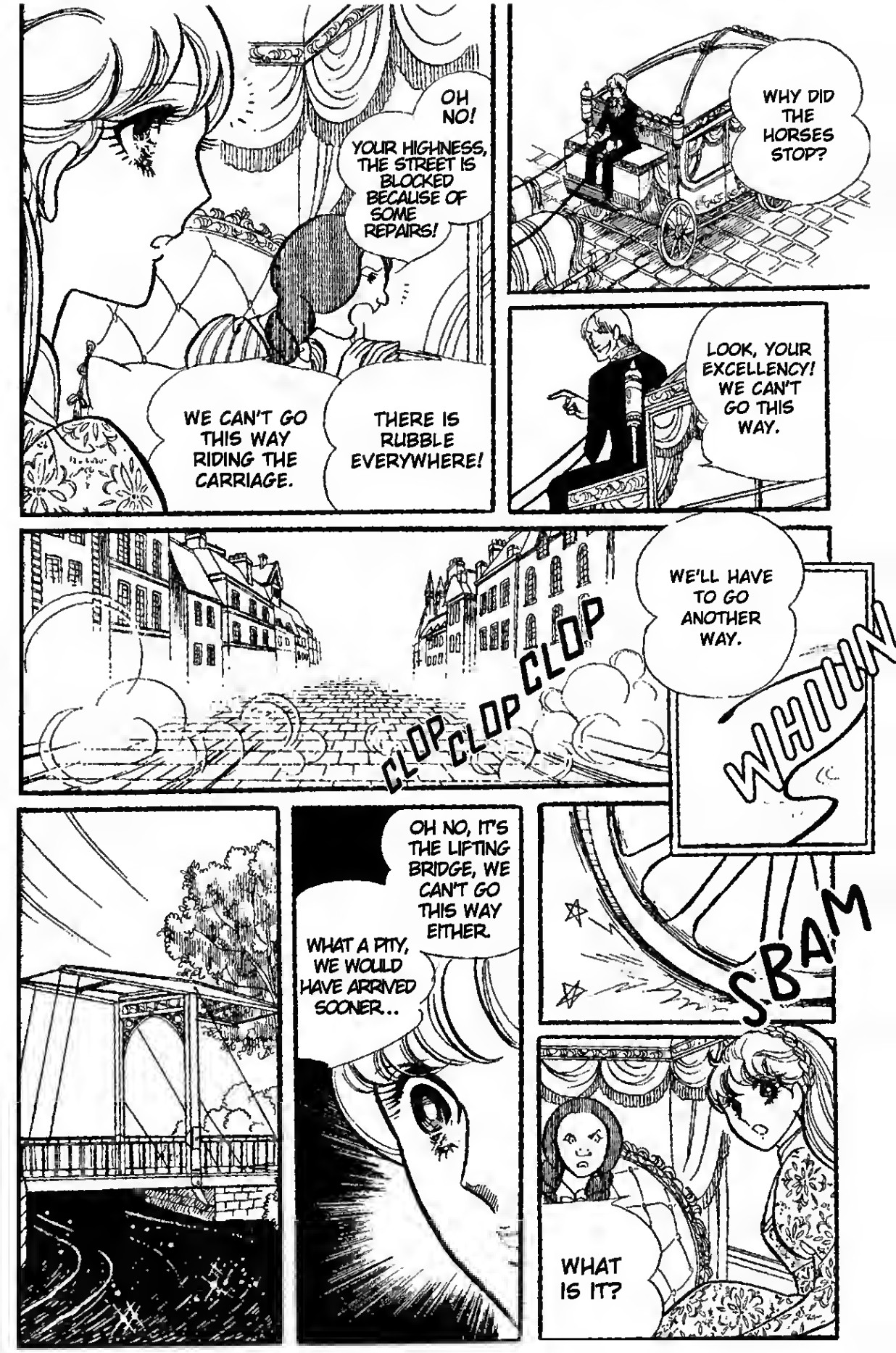
Dr. Albert!
Oh
Doctor?
Albert!

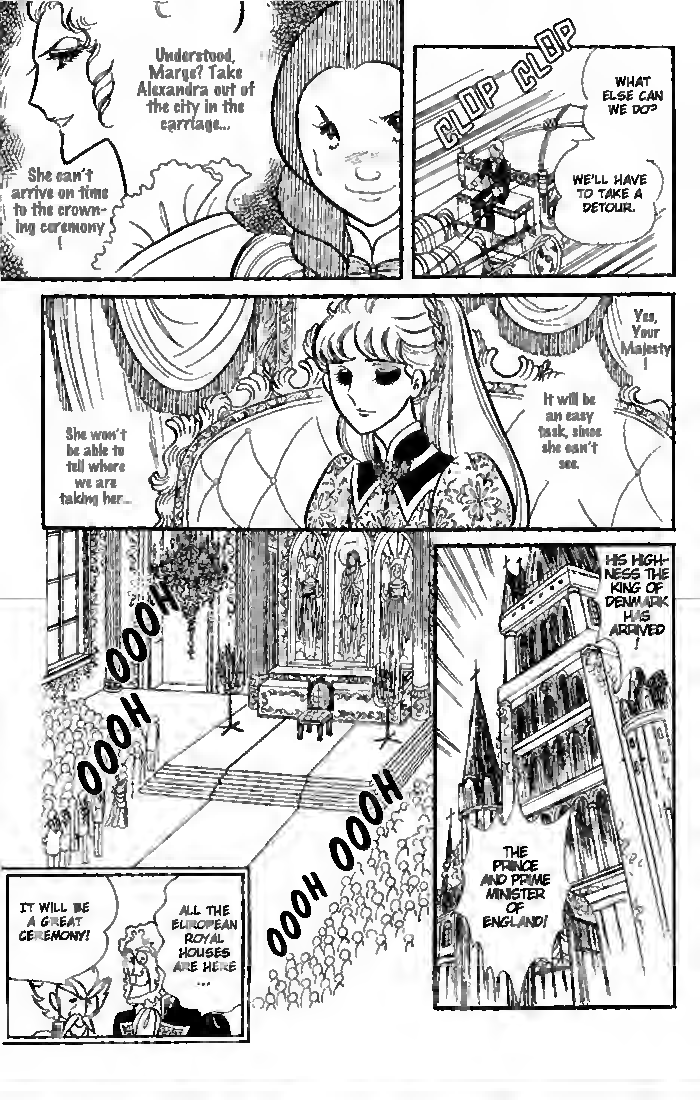
ALBERT!
SOB SOB SOB SOB
I CARE FOR YOU...
I... I LOVE YOU!
FROM SO LONG AGO...
BUT I NEVER GOT TO TELL YOU...
NEVER ...
He can choose his heir!
Of course! The king has absolute power!
Oh, why didn't I think about it before?
Oh, I wish Lilas came to the throne...
My son...
Your Highness ...
YOUR MAJESTY, THE KING'S CONDITION WORSENED ...
WE DON'T KNOW ... IF HE'LL MAKE IT PAST TONIGHT.

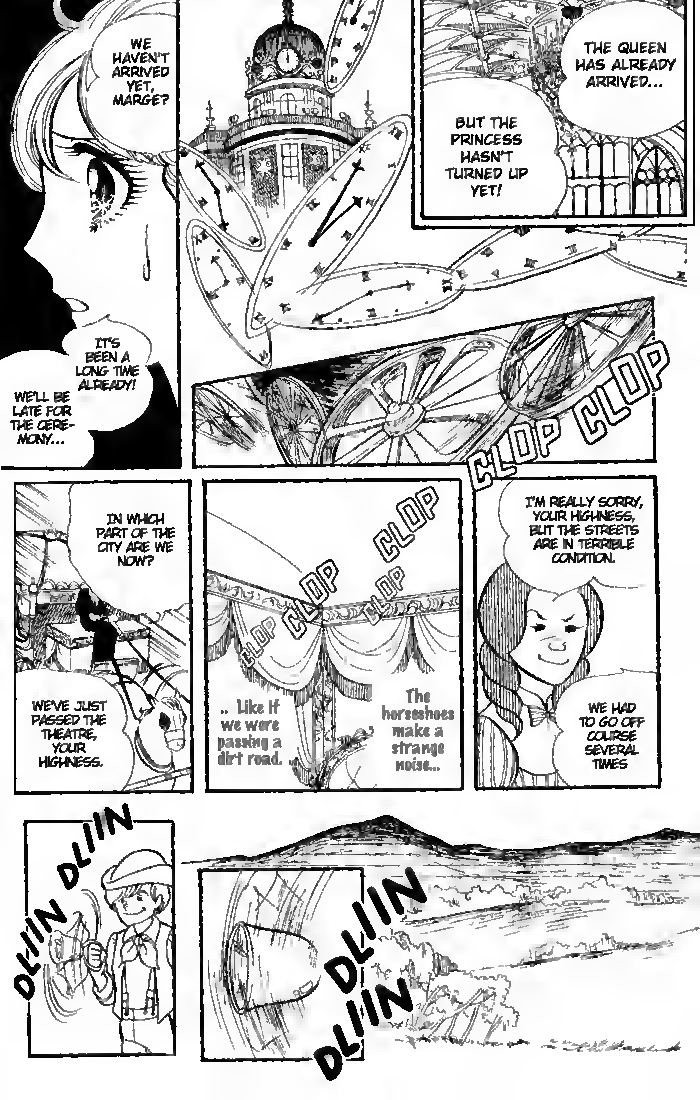
THIS DOCUMENT STATES THAT YOU WANT LILUS. . .
. . TO BE YOUR HEIR.
SIGN IT ...
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, YOUR MAJESTY?
ALEXANDRA ISN'T SUITABLE TO BE YOUR SUCCESSOR. .
D!!!!!!!!IN
DOOON
YOUR MAJESTY ...
DAAAN
THE KING OF LASTONIA DIED THAT NIGHT.
YOUR MAJESTY !

But Alexandra is the only true princess ...
If only I had borne the king's child ...
... he would be the legitimate heir now...
DI.....IN
DOOOON
DAAAAAN
Ulus won't be able to ascend the throne...
The king is dead...
None! What will become of me?
Now that the king is dead I don't have any bonds with the royal family!
THE CROWNING CEREMONY ?
MOTHER, THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU REGARDING THE CROWNING CEREMONY..
IT'S NOT ABOUT ETIQUETTE ...
IF IT'S ABOUT ETIQUETTE YOU BETTER ASK THE PRIME MINISTER!
MOTHER!
DOOON
DOOON
AFTER THE KING'S DEATH THREE WEEKS OF MOURNING WERE DECLARED IN LASTONIA.
IT WAS DECIDED THAT ALEXANDRA WOULD BE CROWNED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT.

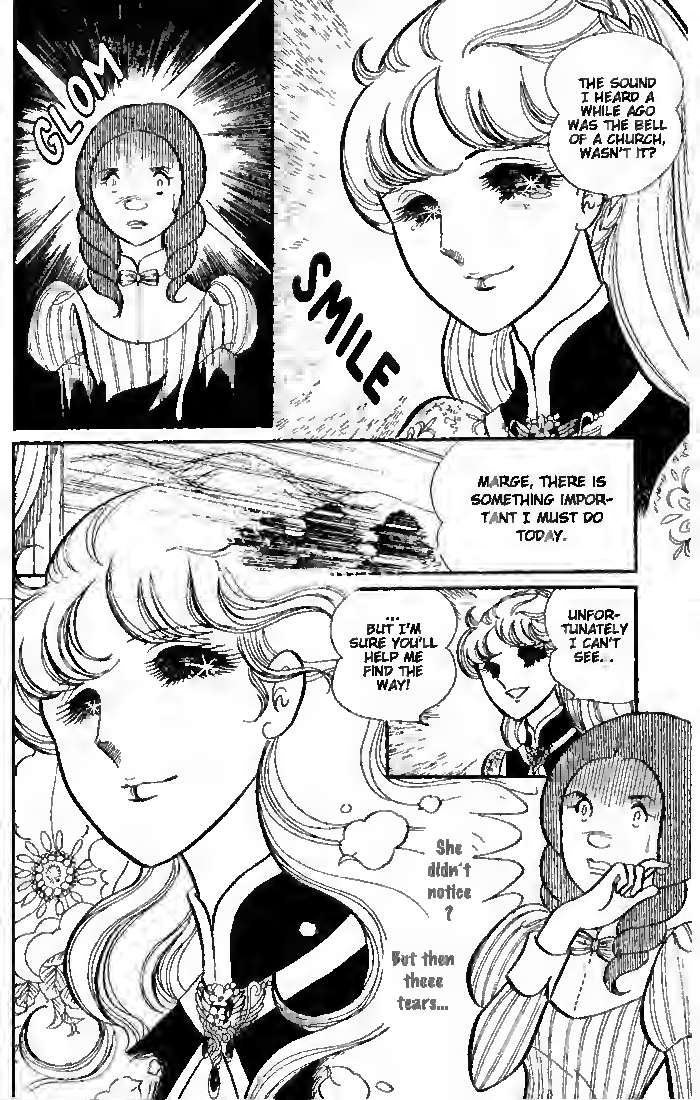
All the dignitaries and royal families from Europe will be present...
If the crowning ceremony can't take place for any reason...
If Alexandra doesn't turn up...
Alexandra would never become queen ...
The crowning ceremony !
Oh! If something like that happened, it would be a serious scandal!
GOOD MORNING, YOUR HIGHNESS.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET FAMILIAR WITH THE PLACE BEFORE THE CEREMONY STARTS.
TODAY'S THE CROWNING CEREMONY... WE COULD GO AHEAD IF YOU WISH...
GOOD IDEA! MOTHER AND THE OTHERS WILL JOIN US LATER.
CLOP-CLOP
CLOP
HA HA!
SLAM

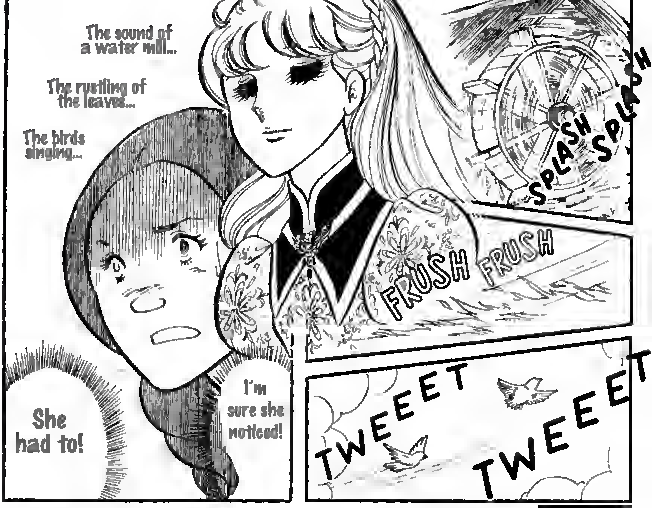

OH NO!
YOUR HIGHNESS, THE STREET IS BLOCKED BECAUSE OF SOME REPAIRS!
WE CAN'T GO THIS WAY RIDING THE CARRIAGE.
THERE IS RUBBLE EVERYWHERE!
WHY DID THE HORSES STOP?
LOOK, YOUR EXCELLENCY! WE CAN'T GO THIS WAY.
CLOP CLOP CLOP
WE'LL HAVE TO GO ANOTHER WAY.
WHOOM
SBAM
OH NO, IT'S THE LIFTING BRIDGE, WE CAN'T GO THIS WAY EITHER.
WHAT A PITY, WE WOULD HAVE ARRIVED SOONER..
WHAT IS IT?


Understood, Marye? Take Alexandra out of the city in the carriage...
She can't arrive on time to the crowning ceremony !
CLOP CLOP
WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO?
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE A DETOUR.
Yes, Your Majesty !
It will be an easy task, since she can't see.
She won't be able to tell where we are taking her...
OOOH OOOH
OOOH OOOH
HIS HIGHNESS THE KING OF DENMARK HAS ARRIVED !
THE PRINCE AND PRIME MINISTER OF ENGLAND!
IT WILL BE A GREAT CEREMONY!
ALL THE EUROPEAN ROYAL HOUSES ARE HERE ...

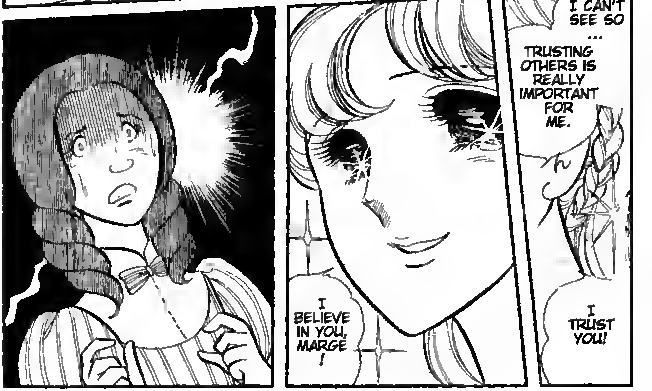

WE HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET, MARGE?
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME ALREADY!
WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE CEREMONY...
THE QUEEN HAS ALREADY ARRIVED...
BUT THE PRINCESS HASN'T TURNED UP YET!
CLOP CLOP
IN WHICH PART OF THE CITY ARE WE NOW?
WE'VE JUST PASSED THE THEATRE, YOUR HIGHNESS.
CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP
.. Like if we were passing a dirt road. ..
The horseshoes make a strange noise...
I'M REALLY SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS. BUT THE STREETS ARE IN TERRIBLE CONDITION.
WE HAD TO GO OFF COURSE SEVERAL TIMES
DLIIN DLIIN
DLIIN DLIIN

But then... are we in the country?
She noticed!
that's a shepherd's bell!
OH NO!
Then Marge lied to me?
Like that time with the dress on the bank holiday?
But why did she do it?
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
OOH..
She lied to me...
She deceived me...
I believe in her words...
No.. I mustn't distrust her..
It doesn't mind where the carriage is passing by.
Y-YES?!
MAR-GE!
GASP


GLOM
SMILE
THE SOUND I HEARD A WHILE AGO WAS THE BELL OF A CHURCH, WASN'T IT?
MARGE, THERE IS SOMETHING IMPORTANT I MUST DO TODAY.
UNFORTUNATELY I CAN'T SEE..
...BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL HELP ME FIND THE WAY!
She didn't notice ?
But then these tears...

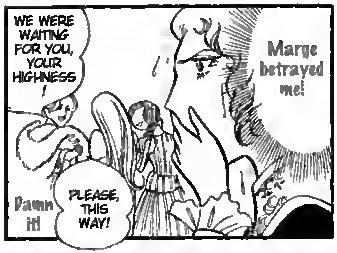

The sound of a water mill...
The rustling of the leaves...
The birds singing...
She had to!
I'm sure she noticed!
SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH
FRUSH FRUSH
TWEEET
TWEEET

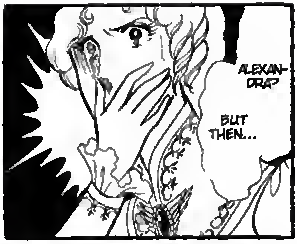
She trusts me!
And she trusts me despite everything...
But then... she knows everything ...

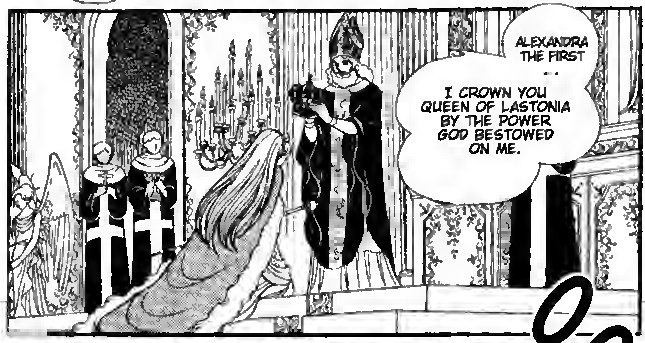

I BELIEVE IN YOU, MARGE!
I CAN'T SEE SO ...
TRUSTING OTHERS IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME.
I TRUST YOU!

WHAT IS THE PRINCESS DOING?
THE SCHEDULED TIME FOR THE CROWNING CEREMONY PASSED A WHILE AGO...
AND SHE HASN'T APPEARED YET!
They are starting to grow impatient...
Marga took her to the countryside.
She won't be on time for the ceremony...
And my plan will succeed!
WAIT!
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA HAS ARRIVED!
WHAT? THE PRINCESS IS HERE?!

SILENCE


WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS
Marge betrayed me!
Damn it!
PLEASE, THIS WAY!


ALEXANDRA?
BUT THEN...


ALEXANDRA THE FIRST ...
I CROWN YOU QUEEN OF LASTONIA BY THE POWER GOD BESTOWED ON ME.

OH!
BUT WHAT'S HER HIGHNESS DOING?

... although we will be even further away from now on...

Alexandra... I'm happy for you...

OOOOH

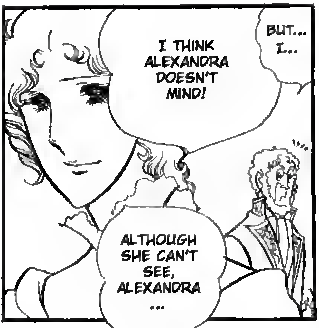
LILUS!
Y-YES!
LILUS, COME HERE!
I WANT YOU TO BE THE NEW KING OF LASTONIA!

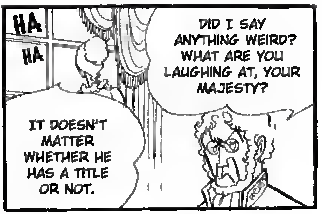
OOOOH
I, ALEXANDRA, CAME HERE TO CROWN LILLIS!
THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING HERE FROM ALL PARTS OF EUROPE ...
BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER I HAVE AS THE QUEEN OF THIS COUNTRY ...
I HAVE DECIDED TO ABDICATE THE THRONE IN FAVOUR OF MY BROTHER LILLIS!
I'M BLIND AS YOU MAY SEE...
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SEE TO MY COUNTRY PROPERLY IN MY CONDITION.
BUT I'M SURE LILLIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT KING!
YES, SISTER!
LILLIS, ACCEPT THIS CROWN...
AS LILLIS'S OLDER SISTER I'LL RETURN TO MY ROLE AS PRINCESS ...
... AND I'LL TRY TO HELP HIM GOVERNING THIS COUNTRY!
Princess ...
Alexandra !

LONG LIVE TO THE NEW KING !
Alexandra ... Lilus...
I've been so stupid...
So stupid ...

YAAAAH
AAAH
YEEEH
I BELIEVE IN YOU, MOTHER!
ALEXAN-DRA... I TREATED YOU SO BAD...
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME...
I'LL TRY TO BE A GOOD MOTHER FOR YOU FROM NOW ON...
DR. ALBERT !
TRY TOUCHING MY FACE.
I THINK YOU'LL RECOGNIZE ME.
WHO IS IT?
YOUR HIGHNESS, THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU!

I'M SO HAPPY! YOU CAME BACK!
WILL YOU TAKE CARE OF ME AGAIN?
DOCTOR !
EH?
YES, PRINCESS ALEXANDRA, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT ...
... I'LL DO IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE.
HE MUST BE A COUNT OR A MARQUIS AT LEAST!
HE MUST HAVE A TITLE!
IT CAN'T BE!
GULP
SBAM!
A DOCTOR DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH STATUS TO MARRY A PRINCESS!
THIS IS TROUBLE-SOME!
YOUR MA-JESTY !
MY QUEEN!





...LIVES IN THE LIGHT NOW!

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